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No. 1.

To Capt: William Gifford
Comandr: of Ship Sidney.

Wee have received a paper by your Purser signed by yourself, and dated this day, demanding a Lading for your ship in Persuance of the Direction of Charter-party within 30 dayes in answer whereunto wee promise to use our utmost endeavours to finish the Lading of your Ship within 30 dayes or so much sooner as wee can, and in order to the quicker dispatch wee desire you to take effectuall care that boats may bee dispatched from the ship as fast as they shall come aboard. Dated in Fort St: George this 3rd: day of January 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

Natt: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Edward Tredcroft.

No. 2.

Fort St: George: 6 Janry: 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

To Mr: Simon Holc[om]be
Cheife &ca: Councill at Viz[aga]pm:

Our last was 23d November, adviseing the arrivall [of ship] Tavestocke. On the 1st: December wee received yours of [. . .] November by ship Sedgwick, and you[rs] of 6th December by boat [wi]th papers as ₱ List.

Wee observe ye: [. . .] you alledge for your opinion that the Rajas [. . .] masters of the Countrey & if they are, that [. . .] it with the Rt: H: Comps Interest [to] carry [. . .] in that Countrey and that you are going on with the Fortification and intend to quitt the Farmed Sea ports, so soon as you can wherein wee concurr with you.

There have been so many revolutions in the Government of the Countrey that till itt doth appear to bee [settled] we must not thinke of makeing new Factoryes either att Durampatt or any where else.

Inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Lading for sundryes Laden on Freight on ship Fleetwood, Robert Coffee Master being what wee can now send you of the severalls, you have heretofore wrote for, wee have made no bargain for freight, but leave itt to you to pay as you judge reasonable.

Wee send you the Copyes of the 19th: 21st: 56th: 63d: & 66th: Par: of the Rt: Honble: Companys Generall Letter to us, by ship Tavestocke dated 16th: April 1697 and of the 17th Paragraph of the Auditor Generalls paper, dated 17 April 1697, wherein you will understand that the chargeablenesse of Vizagapatam Fac[tory] is blamed ; and direction given for itts limitation [in] order to which lett us have your opinion of [the nu]mber of servants &ca: necessary for carrying on [the Rt] Honble: Comps: business as expressed in the 56 Par. [the . . .] charge of your Factory may bee reduced to a certa[inty] in the ordinary Expence.

[. . .] January

This [evening we received] yours of 21st: 23rd: and 24th: Decemr: with [. . .]. That of the 21st: desireing 10 or 12: Bricklayers [. . .] on your Fortification ; wee shall send you some by the next opportunity (this ship being to saile tomorrow). Itt allso acquaintes us that your washers hands are full of Cloth but by the accompanying papers itt appeares that you had no bales ready to send aboard the Sidney when she arrived, thô you had notice of her comeing for them, which seems very strange considering how long a time had passed since the departure of the Madrasse frigatt from your Port.

Wee observe the notes which passed between you, and the Sidney and the Entryes in your Diary and Consultat[ion] for the expeditious sending off the sticklack, Gunnyes &ca which tho' itt was dilligently done yet wee cannot blame the Comãnder for coming away (considering the season of the year) after he knew you had no bales to send off.

You shall have due Creditt for the amount of you[r] Invoice Pags: 207 : 3 : 2 : for what sent by the Sidney Inclos[ed] is the Warehousekeepers account of the quantity received here of each sort of goods.

Send us Copyes of [the] accots: of your Expences kept by Mr: Bridges and Mr: [Mo]rrice for the month of November last which were read [in con]sultation on 13th: December. You will observe that [the] Rt: Honble: Company in the aforesaid 56th Paragraph [di]rect the copyes of those accounts to bee yearly remitt[ed to] them that they may examine the particulars.

The Generall [. . .] Vizagapatam mentioned in the Auditor [Generals . . . .] were all sent by the King William. The [. . .] Fort St: George Bookes MM: will bee rectifyed by the Accountant and advised.

Inclosed is Journall Parcells and accot: Currant in our Bookes from May to November last, and copyes of severall Clauses of a Letter from the Rt: Honble: Company dated 21st Aprill 1697 to Bombay which wee lately received from his Excelly: &ca: and equally concerne you to observe as well as others. Wee are

Yor: Loveing Freinds
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT TO VIZAGAPATAM.

No: 1 Generall Letter to Vizagapatam dated 6th: & 7th: Janry: 169$\frac{7}{8}$.
2 Invoice for what Laden on ship Fleetwood.

3 Bill of Lading [for] Ditto
4 Copy of the 19th: [21:] 56: 63 & 66th: Paragraphs of the Rt: Honble: Companys [generall] to Fort St: George datd: 16th: April 1697.
5 Copy of the [17th] Paragraph of the Auditor Generalls Letter to Fort [St: George] dated the 17th: April 1697.
6 Account good [short] received ₱ ship Sidney.
7 Sundry [stores &] Par[cells] relating to Vizagapatam and their [accts: currt:] from May 97 to the ulto: Novemr: Ditto.
8 Copy [of severall clauses] of the Rt: [H]: Companys Generall to Bombay [dated 21st] April 1697.

No. 3.

Fort St: George: Janry: 8th: 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

To Worpll: John Brabourn
Commadore &ca Councill at
Anjango.

Our last was dated 27th: December by ship Sedgwick, Copy whereof comes inclosed, with Copy of Invoice of what Laden on that Ship for your Factory whereunto is added Pags: 44: 12: 2 expended att Fort St: David as advised by their Generall Letter to us, dated the 1st: Instant for charges on 30 Topaz souldiers and 8 slaves, which the ship [took] in there, and sailed on 2d: Instant, and wee hope will [bring] you a seasonable supply.

Lett the inclosed Letter to his Excelly: &ca: att Bombay bee forwarded by first oppertunity, which is left open with a flying seal for your peruseall.

This comes by your returned Peons. Wee are.

Your affectiont: freinds
Natt: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Edward Tredcroft.

List of the Pacquett.

No: 1. Generall Letter dated 8th: January 169$\frac{7}{8}$.
2. Copy of a generall Lr̃e datd: 27: Decr: 97.
3. Copy of ship Sedgewicke's Invoice.

No. 4.

To his Exccy: Sr: John Gayre Knt:
Capt: Generall and Directore in Cheif
for all affaires and Forces of the Rt:
Honble English East India Compa:
in India &ca: Councill at Bombay.

May itt please yor: [Excellcy:] &ca:

Our last was the 28th: past ₱ ship Sedgwick via [. . .] adviseing the departure of the Chambers frig[at . . .] with Mr: Barwell and Mrs: Walsh.

This ser[ves to] advise the arriveall of the Sidney from Bengall on the 31st: past. Wee are unlading 250[0] bags saltpetre &ca: and hope to give her a dispatch by the 20th: and to inclose an abstract of the account which wee have received concerning the Mocha frigat, from one William Willock master of the Bengall ship taken by the Pirate last year, and detained aboard the Moco till on the 22d: past they permitted him to bring from Negrais a Ship which they had taken in the streights of Mallacca, belonging to the Capt: of the Chineese of Japarra on which ship the Pirates putt aboard severall moors and others which they took in a Syam ship, as sailing from Metchlepatam for Mergee, and other ships, which being about 27 are come ashoare in a very forlo[r]ne condition. The resolutions we have taken will best appear in the Inclosed Copy of our consultation dated 6th: Instant whereunto wee humbly referr. Wee are

Your Excelly: & very Humble:
and obedient servants

NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

LIST [OF THE PA]CQUETT.

N: 1 Genera[ll letter da]ted 6 January 169⅞.
2 Copy [. . . .]Consult: dated 6th : Janry : 169⅞
3 Abstract of [. . .] narrative concerning the resolution[. . .]

No. 5.

FORT ST: GEORGE. 10TH: JANRY: 169⅞.

TO THE RT. WORPll: CHARLES EYRE
AGENT &CA : COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

℘ Ship Anne. Our last was 23d: November overland copy whereof comes inclosed.

Wee send you this by Capt: John Hampton in the [Anne] that if she shall arrive with you sooner then the Tav[estock] he might bring you advice of the Tavestock's coming [which] is designed to bee dispatched to you on the 15th : Instant, or so soon as the winds prove favourable, which being a very large ship her demorage will run very high if she shall lye idle in Bengall a whole year for her Lading which cannot bee prevented otherwise then by returning her to us with a Ladeing of saltpetre and Provisions, upon discourse with the Commander and Capt: Hampton, the most probable method for effecting it seems to bee, that she proceed no further then Coxes and lye there to take in her Lading. That you doe upon receipt hereof take the best course you can by the Rt: Honble: Compa: sloops and hir'd Purgoes to send down a sufficient quantity of saltpetre and Provisions to lade her, vzt: about 600 Tons. In order to which wee have by [this] conveyance ordered all the sloops in the road to [repair] forthwith to Chuttanutta but the Thomas which [is] to attend the Tavestock over the Braces to co [. . .] then proceed to Chuttanutta wth : the Treasure.

The Tavestock [. . .] a great quantity of Lead near 100: tons whi[ch . . .] order those Vessells that carry down the [. .] to [c]arry up, or such part of itt as you think [. . .] to take out. Wee have enough here for our markett and we don't know whether you are overstock'd having no advice of your sales.

On the 15th : past the Chambers frigat brought us yours of 25th : November, and sailed on the 19th Ditto for Bombay Mr : Winder came on that ship But Mr: Davenport did not the Commander pretending that he had not room for him and his necessarys.

On the 31th : December The Sidney brought us yours of 2[d] : December and another from M[r]. Walsh dated 14th : Ditto with Bill of Lading and Invoice amo[t] : Rupees 98334 : 0 : 3 for which wee shall give you Creditt whereunto must bee added the cost of the three Cask of arrack when you advise itt, which M[r] : Walsh sayes he could not calculate, because hee did not know their weight.

The difficulty you meet with in Lading the Sidney in the river, would bee greater in Ladeing a greater ship, drawing 22 foot water when full laden, which doth discourage the Comander of the Tavestock from venturing his ship up to Hog river. And indeed itt would contribute little to her dispatch, since she cannot come down from thence unless [she dra]ws less then 18 foot, and the[n] hazardous att that [season] because of her great length and itt seems dou[btful whether] she can with her full Lading goe from Co[dal]our all that can bee done is that she lade as deep [as she can] passe with in the judgment of the Pilotts.

[. . .] your Letter to the R$_t$: Hon[ble] : Comp[a] : shall bee sent [as you] desire, but itt would have made a more suitable Pacquett for postage if you had sent an abstract instead of the Letter ittselfe.

M[r] : Bowridge and M[r] : Davenport came by [the Sid]ney. The former it seems is discharged from the R[t] : H [Comp[a] :] service in September last tho' you doe not advise [. . .].

The Tavestock will bring you 5 or 6 Factor[s].

We have sent a Letter to the Comand[r] : of [. . .] Cap[t] : Hampton, under orders of delivery the same [. . .] in case of the ships Departure. Which inclosing the private sailing orders last received. The said orders are to bee opened onely by the Agent and second and not communicated to any others. Wee are

Yo[r] : Very Affec[t] Fre[ds] :
NATT : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
EDW[D] : TREDCROFT.

No. 6.

To M[r] : EDWARD TENCH &c : PILOTTS
IN SERVICE OF THE R[T] : HON[BLE] :
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN
BENGALL.

Ship Tavestock burthen about 750 tons being [directed to] proceed in few dayes for Bengall to bee laden att [. . .] more convenient place in order to her speedy [despatch . .] ther wee order you on receipt hereof to send up all the [. . .] now with you to Chuttanutta except one (with [. . .] think fittest) to attend the Tavestoke and to take in and carry up the Treasure, Lett the sloops proceed with all expedition, without loosing any time that they may returne quickly with other hired Purgoes, and bring saltpetre &c[a] : to meet the Tavestock att Coxes. You must all bee very carefull & dilligent in the dispatch of the Tavestockes business, because att that time of the year the loss of one day or one tide may hazard the losse of her voyage, Dated in Fort S[t] : George this 10th : January 169$\frac{7}{8}$. ℘ Ship Anne.

NATT : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 7.

To Capt: Willm: Erle Comr: of
ship Sampson in Bengall.

℘ Ship Anne. Wee have received your Letter dated the 26th: November whereby wee gladly understand that your ship is well repaired. The agent &ca: having advised us that they hope to dispatch your ship by the 20th: Instant but yet fearing that you will come out so late from Bengall, [that] you cannot touch here without looseing too much [time] in busking against the contrary winds and curren[ts . . .] which you would probably meet with in your Pa[. . .] wee have taken this oppertunity to send [. . .]it sailing orders received from the Rt: Honble: [Compa . . .] as you will understand from the inclos'd Letter [. . .] from the Lieutenant Generall & second whereunto wee referr you and to the inclosed Copy of a Paragraph of a Letter from the Rt: Honble: Compa: lately recd: via Suratt concerning French ships designed for India of whose arrivall wee have heard nothing. But [. . .] obliges you to great caution, in avoiding to sp [. . .] any ships att sea, and keeping Leads or shotts [. . .] fastned to the Pacquett and to your Private sa [. . .] ders, that they may bee in readyness to [. . .] over board in case of immenent danger of [. . .] by an Enemy which God forbid, and grant you [. . .] and prosperous passage. Wee are

Your very loving freinds
Natt: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Edward Tredcroft.

Fort St: George 10th: Janry: 9$\frac{7}{8}$.

No. 8.

Fort St: George 11th: Janry: 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

To the Honble: William Hatsell
President of Fort St: George &
Governr: of fort St: David &cA:
Councill att Fort St: David.

Wee [have] received yours of 1: 5th & 8thInstant with an account of Pags: 44: 12: 2 expended for Anjenga on [. . .] sent ℘ ship Sedgwick for wch: shall give Credt: [. . .] Debt you for the Anchor left with you by [. . .] Pags: 32 as itt cost with the stocke which you [. . .] sell, and wee can furnish you with more from 4 [. . .] weight if you can sell them att about Pags: [*lacuna*] ℘e.

Wee have sufficient store of match for more then 12 months and expect more from Bengall next year being left behind by the Sidney, which when it comes will bee sufficient store for both Forts so that you need not contract for more then the 20 Candy mention'd.

Wee observe the number of Bales you have ready and expect. Lett them bee sent to us as oppertunity offers that they may bee ready when occasion requires.

Itt is certain that Zulphaker cawn has taken Chingie and thereby become absolute masters of this Country and if the moors army bee not otherwise imployed or diverted, it seems very probable that they will seek some occasion of giveing Fort St: David, & ffort St: George trouble, as well as Pollicherry. The latter was taken in a hostile manner, for which wee leave others to answer. But Fort St: George being for so many years possessed by grants of the king of Golconda, and Fort St: David bought

of ramraja the then Lords of these Countreys before the mogulls Conquests, so that the Rt: Honble: Company have a right, strengthned by so many years quiett possession from which right itt is not in our power to depart or quitt to any pretender [without] our masters own order or consent and as we [. . .] entrusted, itt is our Duty to secure and defend [. . .] when occasion requires to the utmost [. . .]. But all circumstances duely considered [wee] fully concurr with your opinion (of the 5th: instant), that if the moors doe attempt to take possession of the Towns within your bounds that you doe your utmost to accommodate the businesse but if fair means will not doe, to force them out and stand upon your guard to defend the Rt: Honble: Companys bounds.

Wee had before receipt of yours, upon the [. . .] notice of Chingies being taken, sent a congra[tulatory] Letter with a present in fine cloth and [their] and Liquors to the value of Pags: 260: 10 [. . .] bee presented by Amerjeahn, who still rema[ins . . .] from whom wee have not yet heard any thing of [their] present design to trouble you and us. The settling of the conquest will probably employ them for some time, and they will hardly attempt any new great thing till they have received the Kings order after advice of Chingies being taken. Itt hath been said the king designed to carry his conquest to Cape Comorine, and if he prosecute that design they must carry their army that way or an army of the morattas may come into these parts.

Wee know of no person att present fitt to serve as your mulla, but will make enquiry. Herewith comes Paper for writeing ordinary Letters.

Ship Tavestock will be in a few dayes ready to sail by the [first watch] of a fair wind, being designed to returne in [March] from Bengall Laden with saltpetre &ca: and if she do's not goe quickly will not have time to lade, and so will stay there till December next att dead demorage. For which reason she cannot spend time with you. The Sidney hath begun to take in her Lading for England, and will we hope bee laden in 10: or 12 dayes. Wee are

Your affect. freinds

NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

P.S.

Herewith comes a letter to the Govr. [in Council] of Negapatam concerning [. . .] taken by the Pirates and brought [. . .] the 5th: Instant by William Willock [. . .] is Inclosed.

N.H.

No. 9.

TO THE HONBLE: LAWRENCE PITT COUNCELLR
EXTRAORDINARY OF INDIA GOVERNOUR
OF NEGAPATAM &CA COAST CORMANDELL
FOR AFFAIRES OF THE RT: HONBLE: NETHERLANDS
EAST INDIA COMPANY &CA COUNCILL.

Honble: and much Respected

On the 5th: instant a ship came into this road, piloted by one William Willock an Englishman, who gives us the following account of himselfe and the said ship. That in January last being master of a free ship belonging to the English of Bengall he was in his passage from thence for Suratt, taken by two pirate ships near Cape

Comorine, who taking out what they thought convenient sunke his ship, & detained him [Prisoner] aboard one of them, which in June last in the streights of Mallacca tooke this Ship and (dismissing the merchants Passengers) carryed her with them to the Island of Negrais whereafter they had careened and repaired their own ship with the help of this and her stores departed from Negrais on the 22 December last first permitting the said Willocks and severall other Prisoners of divers Nations [which] they had taken out of severall ships and [vessells] embarke in this ship, and caused her to sail [. . .] att the same time, that they sailed themselves. [. . .] Pilott finding the winds favourable for [. . . di]rected his Course hither, and upon his arr[ivall] declared to us very honestly that he pretends no [claim] unto the ship or Cargo; tho' given him by the Pirate but offered to deliver them into our hands, that they may bee preserved for the right owners, whom he hath been informed is a Chinese who passeth under the name of the Captain of the Chinese of Japarra, whose son he saith was aboard the ship when taken, and being dismissed by the Pirates went with others for Acheen. The Lascars belonging to the ship doe allso say the same. The Pilott further acquaints us that ye ship had Dutch Collours and a Dutch Passe when taken, but doth not remember either the name of the ship nor of the owner mentioned in the said Passe but doth remember the ship was rated at about 120: Lasts.

Wee heartily wish wee were able to give your Hon^r: &c^a: a more satisfactory account of this matter but because wee know no more then wee are informed from ignorant persons, wee hope your Hon^r: &c^a: will excuse that Defect. But from the relations wee have received (such as they are) Wee find reason to beleive that the ship doth belong unto some persons living or sailing under the government or Protection of the R^t: Honble: Netherlands East India Company, and being readily inclined to lay hold of all opportunityes of expressing the Duty wee owe to the strict alliance and good agreement between our nations & Comp^as: Wee desire your Hon^r. &c^a: will please to send & empower such as you shall think fitt to enquire farther into this matter, offering to deliver ship and Cargo to yor: order and dispose all if your Hon^r: &c^a: shall find reason to demand the same as belonging to any Person serving or subject to the R^t: Honble: Netherlands East India Company. In the mean time wee have taken due care for the preservation of ship and Cargo in order to which wee have furnished the ship with necessary anchors and Cables (haveing but one, and that too small) and before any Passengers were permitted to come ashore caused all things found in the ship (except their mean necessaryes and 20 bags rice left on the Deck for the Lascars maintenance to bee putt down into the hold, and the hatches locked and sealed, and so the ship continues att anchor in the road, under the charge of said Willock and Lascars whom he saith did belong to the ship when taken, unto whom wee have added one officer more for better security.

Wee cannot give an acco^t: of the sorts or quantity of goods in the said ship, but the Pilot informes that she was full Laden when taken by the Pirates who threw overboard and tooke for their own use a [. . .] part, that the ship remaineth still about ha[lf . . .] and that, among the uppermost goods there app[ear . .] bales of sugar, sugar Candy, and rice, but [know not] what is in the bottom. Which sorts of [goods . . .]&c^a: know are perishable, and if they lye [long . . .] hold they may not onely suffer damage, but [may . .] contract heat. Wee therefore pray your Hon^r &c^a: to give a speedy answer so recomending y^r: Hon^r &c^a: to Gods Protection. Wee remain

Honble: S^r &c^a.

Your very affec^t. freinds
and Humble servants

NATH^LL HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 10

FORT ST. GEORGE 17TH: JANRY: 169 7/8.

TO THE RT: WORPLL: CHARLES EYRE
AGENT &CA: COUNCILL OF BENGALL.

Our last was dated 10th: Instant, sent ℘ Capt: Hampton in ship Anne copy whereof comes inclosed. This comes by ship Tavestock Capt: Samuell Jones Comandr: by which, wee have sent you Rupees 202000: Dolls 4000 and Lead 1639: Piggs amot: Pags: 3077: 9: 2. Wee are coining more rupees, and shall not fail of sending you the full sume ordered by the Rt: Honble: Company as oppertunityes shall present, but could not detain the ship for finishing the Coinage, because it is necessary that she proceed for Bengall by the first fair wind, that you may have the more time to lade and returne her to us by the latter end of Febry: or begining of March as winds shall favour. In order to which wee have done all that lyes in our power by preadviseing you, as well by our overland Letter of 23d: Novemr: last as that sent by Capt: Hampton, but the performance wholly depends on the dilligence of yourselves, and the Comander who is acquainted with the design and hath promissed to contribute all that lyes in his power towards a Dispatch. ℘ Tavestock.

Our next business is to consider how and when the ship shall bee Laden for England. She will require att least 1,500 Bales. Wee conclude neither your stock will alone reach so far, nor ours without a further supply. But wee cannot depend on that, for there may bee disappointments during the warr, or itt may come too late to bee invested. Therefore itt will bee necessary that she bee Laden part from the Coast and part from Bengall either in August or January next. The first is preferrable for two reasons. All the stocke that either you or wee have may bee as well invested by August as January and if she can bee dispatched in August it will save 5000 lbs: in Demorage.

Wee think the best method for dispatching her in August will bee that she returne to Bengall in June or July next with her Kentilagee saltpetre, and as many Coast Bales stowed for Europe, as wee can procure by that time and proceed no further then Ballasore road, where she must take in your Bales, and if she shall want but a [little] tonnage the defect may bee supplyed with saltpetre [and] Cotton yarne.

This proposeall is grounded upon a [supposition] that your sloops or hired ships can in th[. . .] July and August carry the Bales over the Brace[s . . .] the road. That the ship can by the 20th: August goe out of Ballasore road. That itt would be hazardous ventureing the Tavestocke over the Braces when two thirds Laden and that if she should goe in over the Braces she cannot in those months when full Laden goe out either over the Braces nor thro' the new deeps.

But if the ship cannot bee dispatched before Janury: we would then propound to returne her to you in June or July next empty, that she go over the Braces as high up the river as the Comander will venture. And that you put aboard her Kentilage, saltpetre, and as many Bales &ca: goods for Europe as you shall have ready all to bee stowed for Europe. The vacancy to bee filled up with saltpetre, rice, wheat gunnyes, ropes Twine, Longpepper and Bales on freight, and the ship to depart from Bengall for this Port between the 1st: and 10th: day of Decemr: that wee may have time to take out those Countrey goods and fill her up with our Coast Bales by the 10th: Janry: when her Charter party time expires.

Wee desire you to consider the foregoing [particulars] and give us your opinion thereupon; and how [far wee] may depend upon you for the Lading of the ship.

24th Janry: 169 7/8.

Inclosed is the Copyes of two papers and two [accounts] delivered to us by Mr: Ellis relating to his [accounts] you sent us, and of our resolve in Consultation [of this] day wherein you will observe severall par[ticulars] requireing your answer, which wee desire [you to give] us that matter may bee brought to [account].

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By ship Tavestocke wee have sent the [following] Persons servants of the Rt: H: Company unto [whom . . .] is paid Pags: 6 each for their Provisions, because [. . . voy] age may bee longer then in the proper [season, vizt]

Mr: Thomas Curginven . . .	Factor
Mr: William Lloy'd	Writer
Mr: John Monger.	Writer
Mr: Charles Douglas . . .	Writer

Wee shall send you one or two more by a [following] Conveyance, and for the present find it necessary not to permitt Mr: Winder to returne to Bengall because itt doth appear he had some Corresponda[nce with] the Interloper, tho' not in such manner [as we appre]hended when he was sent for.

Inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Ladeing [. . .] Madrass 202000: which with Lead, Dollars [. . .] Pags: 64129: 1: 3 allso your account Curra[nt . . .] parcells taken from our Currant Bookes QQ which includes the Entrey of the Cargo last received by ship [Sidney] which are sent in order to the keeping our Accot: clear. [But] if you do not adjust and in like manner send us ye entry of your Bookes itt will bee in vain.

Wee have received your Letter by the Ea gle . . .] Decem r: 1697, but refer answer to thes [. . .] which will bee in few dayes. Wee are

Your affect: freinds.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

P.S.
Mr: William Proby requesting your assistance in clearing his ship Mahomodee Willm: Ryder master which sailed from hence with our Pass in July last for Bengall, Wee desire you to give the master such assistance as may be consistent with the Honble: Comps: affaires and the nature of the troubles he meets with which we do not understand.

No. 11.

To Capt: Samuel Jones Comr:
of Ship Tavestocke.

Upon receipt hereof you are hereby ordered [to] repair aboard your ship and with the first opportunity of wind and weather to weigh anchor and sett sail and [make] the best of your way for the most speedy attaining of the Port of Bengall, where when arrived you are to deliver [and] send our Pacquett herewith delivered you as directed to the Rt: Worpll: Charles Eyre Agent &ca: Councill, whose orders [you] are to follow for your unlading, lading and return[ing] wherein wee doubt not your ready assistance for the [better] dispatch in order whereunto wee have by overland [. . .] and by a ship lately sailed preadvised the Agent & [Councill] of your coming and have given them directions to provide for your speedy Lading and have allso ordered all the Honoble: Comps: sloops to repair from Ballasore road to Chutanutta to assist in bringing goods down except one which is to attend your ship, aboard which you are to putt all the Honble: Comps: treasure, before you goe over the Braces and when your ship is anchored in such Birth as you approve lett the said sloop proceed to Chuttanutta with the treasure Four of the Honble: Comps: servants takeing their passage on your ship for Bengall you are to afford them the

accommodation of the great Cabin and civill treatment, they finding their own provisions. Wee herewith deliver you our Letter to the Honble: Comp^s^: Pilotts, left open for your peruseall w^ch^: deliver to the first you meet with. Wee wish you a good voyage and date these in Fort S^t^: George this 24th day of Jan^ry^: 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 12.

TO EDWARD TENCH &C^A^: PILOTTS IN THE R^T^: HON^BLE^: ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMP^AS^: SERVICE IN BENGALL.

Inclosed is the Copy of our Letter sent you by Capt: Hampton dated 10th: Instant whereunto wee adde, that if you understand that there are no Purgoes to bee hired at Chuttanutta; lett as many Purgoes bee hired from Ballasore as will carry 300: or 400 tons and lett them proceed to Chuttanutta to assist in carrying down a Lading for the Tavestocke dated in Fort S^t^: George this 24th: Jan^ry^: 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 13.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE 20TH: JAN^RY^: 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

TO THE HON^BLE^: WILLIAM HATSELL ESQ^R^: PRESID^T^: OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE AND GOVERN^R^: OF FORT S^T^: DAVID &C^A^: COUNCILL OF FORT ST: DAVID.

By this Boat called Narsinda Bowen [. . .]Tandell send you severall stores as ₽ inclosed re [. . .] List. The Boatman being impatient for [. . .] fair wind.

We have agreed with the Boatman for ten Pag^s^: for freight, whereof five is paid him here, you must not demand anchorage of him he calling on purpose to deliver these goods.

Your [affec^t^: freinds]
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 14.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE 29TH: JAN^RY^: 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

TO THE HON^BLE^: WILLIAM HATSELL PRESIDENT OF FORT S^T^ GEORGE AND GOVERN^R^: OF FORT S^T^: DAVID &C^A^: COUNCILL OF FORT S^T^: DAVID.

Ship Sidney was dispatched yesterday and sailes this day full laden. God grant a safe passage. The Sampson was to bee dispatched from Bengall by the 20th: Instant as by the Agent and Councills advices, and were in hopes she would

have come time enough to accompany the Sidney. But she doth not yet appear and [wee] are not well assured that they have a full Lading ready for her in Bengall. If shee comes hither to fill up, and shall want above 100 bales, wee shall have occasion for some of yours which wee hope to receive time enough since you advise the Brigantine is ready to come with a Lading of Bales. Ship Tavestocke is dispatched for Bengall with 202000 rupees coined of her silver. But she is still at anchor in the road wind bound.

Our business now is to provide for her Lading that she may bee dispatched from India so soon as possibly wee can that so large a ship may not lye on dead Demorage longer then necessary. Advise us by your next how the acco^{t}: stands with your merchants and weavers upon Contracts, and how much they can undertake to provide by the latter end of May next. Itt will bee necessary to hasten the Contract before the Manilha ships arrive. If you shall want 3: or 4000 Pag^{s}: wee will supply you.

Wee have yours of 13: 18: 25 and 28th: Instant to answer by which wee received your answer to the Auditor Gene^{lls}: Paper Pacquett to the R^{t}: Honble: Company Generall bookes G and Consultations to 1st; January. All which were sent by the Sidney except the first paper which the secretary omitting to keep in the place appointed for Papers for Europe was forgott to bee made up in the Pacquett, and being not found till the ship was under sail could not bee sent off Wee have allso received Copy of Bookes G: to bee kept here and observe your Intentions of sending us the Coppy of your Consultations wee desire allso copy of your Letter to the R^{t}: Honble: Company, and of such other papers as you thinke necessary to bee sent again to the R^{t}: Honble: Company, whereof wee could not take copyes here att the time of the ships Dispatch wherein all were otherwise imployed. Wee design to send them, and Copyes of our own Letters by the first opportunity for Bombay and expect a ship from Bengall which is bound that way. Therefore hasten your said Generall Letter &c^{a}: as soon as you can.

Lett our Merchants cloth all ready washed be [. . .] and sent us as oppertunity offers. But lett the re[. . .] Cloth bee sent brown that itt may bee w[ashed . . .] here, there being time enough before it [will . . .] England.

After mature consideration of all that you have [wrote] in your severall Letters concerning the troubles you apprehend from Seilim Cawn, wee wholly concurr with you[r] resolve expressed in yours of 5th: Instant. That you do your utmost to accommodate the business, but if fair mean[s] will not doe to stand upon your Guard and defend the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: bounds and if any of them shall attempt to come into the bounds in a hostile way to give them such civill notice (as expressed in yours of 25th:) that the place was fairly bought and cannot bee parted with.

Wee have already paid the Nabob a civill congratulation of his conquest of Chingee and sent him a Present but he returned part as unfitt for his use (tho' very proper flint ware) wherein his meaning doubtless is that [he] would have something of greater value tho' by Amerjean wee sent him the value of Pag^{s}: 260: in October last thus doe his demands grow upon us and the more wee give the more he craves, and if wee goe on in feeding his avaritious humour wee shall run into an unanswerable charge and yet his favour is necessary, because it is in his power not onely to stop all businesse which depends on the Countrey, but without the kings order to give us unreasonable trouble about the bounds of Fort S^{t}: David and our new Townes here, and if he bee inclined to pick a quarrell can do't att any time and aggravate and carry on further then could bee convenient for our circumstances. Itt is in our power to prevent. Money will doe itt but then wee may bee blamed for parting with itt upon timourous and groundlesse suppositions. And if any ill accident shall happen wee may then bee allso blamed for want of foresight, and for not preventing the mischeife when itt was in our power. This is the difficulty of our case and wee know no other Generall Rule to direct us, but this, That wee spend money when itt is, and spare itt when it is not necessary to secure the main chance as emergent circumstances require, whereof those upon the place are best able to Judge.

If the Dutch shall send two of their people and a great Present to the Nabob their Example doth not oblige nor will itt warrant us in imitating them unlesse the necessity doth appear. They are wont to spend great sum's of money upon such occasions, and sometimes more then necessary to appear greater then other nations, and there is no end of vying with them in that humour, because they will outdoe us att last. But besides in this case as you observe there is a great difference between Pullicherry and Fort S^t^: David, and they may have good reason to pay dearer for the Nabobs freindship then wee. Tho' tis probable if they prosecute their design'd Embassy and Present to the Nabob they may obtain their own end, and do us an injury too if the Nabob should from thence take occasion to demand the like from us, and [put] tricks upon us to force a complyance. However wee cannot send Englishmen from hence to the Camp, which [would] cost allmost as much as itt cost before nor [can] the Dubash and mulla under at least 3[. . .] cannot spare so much money unlesse com[. . .]rent and unavoidable necessity, or secured of [. . .] equivalent nor doe wee thinke itt convenient that [you] send any English from Fort S^t^: David to the Nabob, because that will looke as if you had no dependance on Fort S^t^: George, but itt may in many cases bee very usefull to you to tell the Nabob or his officers that you cannot comply with their demands without order from Fort S^t^: George, and itt may bee as necessary for us to referr [them] to the order of the R^t^: Honble: Company.

Wee shall by the first opportunity send you the saltpetre you wrote for and twenty souldiers, which are to bee returned to us again for you have already as many Europeans as wee, and by Letters received yesterday from Vizagapatam they demand a supply from us for secur[ing] of that Factory apprehending troubles from a new Seer lascar and wee must allso suddainly send some to the West Coast. Ship Tavestocke brought but eight.

There is a report here (which wants confirmation) that Azumtarra doth appear to claim the Crown, if itt prove true the whole empire will bee suddainly in a comotion and all his freinds will repair to him.

If you shall find the Nabobs officers troublesome and that to prevent a quarrell itt shall bee necessary to send him a Present, wee thinke the best way would bee that the Presid^t^: write the Nabob a Letter, that the Governour of Madrasse hath ordered him so to doe, and send the Letter and present by Vincatee to bee delivered by Amerjeahn if there or by Vincatee in case of his absence concerning which wee shall write to Amerjeahn that hee observe your directions and in the meantime advise you what passes relating to Cuddaloor, which he hath hitherto writt us nothing of which makes us willing to thinke there hath passed nothing considerable in the Nabob's Durbar.

Inclosed is Invoice of what sent by boat Narrasingudu amount Pag^s^: 178: 19: 4 Wee are

Your affect: freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^d^: TREDCROFT.

No. 15.

TO M^R^: SIMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIF &C^A^: COUNCILL OF VIZAGAPAT.

Our last was 6th : past since which wee have received yours of 9th: past by ship Simon w^th^: Diary and one without date, on the 30th : past with your Diary to the 14th: past adviseing the change of the Government & the approach of the new seer lascar and his severity to the old seerlascar's freinds.

That wee may not make false steps in a matter of such importance, and that wee may not thwart one another in our sentiments, wee desire you to consider with us what hath passed, and to peruse the inclosed Copyes of severall Paragraphs of the following Letters Vz^{t}:

To the R^{t}: H: Comp^{a}:		6 June 1695	Par. 12 : 13 : 14.
From	ditto	1 July 1696	,, 34.
		11 Sepr. 1689	,, 12.
		20 Feb . 1695	,, 7.
		16 April 1697	,, 19, 21, 56, 63 and 6[6].
To	ditto	17 and 27 Jan^{ry}: $169\frac{7}{8}$	Par. 56 to 60.

In the first and last you will observe that wee [. . . . .] misrepresented Vizagapatam to the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: [and] in the others, the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{a}: orders concerning your Fortification Investments and expences.

Their order of 1st July 1696 (in answer to ours of 6th June 1695) doth approve of your Fortification, but that approbation seems to bee conditionall Viz^{t}: [if itt can bee done with the Seerlascars approbation] and that will bee best construed by their order of 11th: Septem^{r}: 1689 wherein they approve of a Fortification att Vizagapatam if procureable on such like termes as Fort S^{t}: George is held; otherwise thinke itt is to no purpose to make any great improvement by building or otherwise.

All that wee have written you on this subject is agreable to the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: orders as you will observe by peruseing our letters dated 9th February $169\frac{4}{5}$, 29th: April 1695, 25th July 1695, 2 : October 1695, 4 Decem^{r}: 1696 and 26 October 1697. And wee can give you no other direction then have been given in those Letters particularly dated 2nd: October 1695 and 26th: October 1697 wherein the present case is stated and wee cannot add but by a needless repetition.

Wee shall by the first oppertunity send you ten souldiers and what rarityes wee have for presents &c^{a}.

Wee are sending 20 souldiers to Fort S^{t}: David, and must suddainly send some to the West Coast but wee rec^{d}: no more then eight by the Tavestocke.

The Nabob hath taken Chingee and there is no army of the Morattas in these parts.

The Tavestocke is sailed for Bengall, but could not spend time in touching at Vizagapatam because she is to returne from Bengall in March.

Itt is our positive opinion and order that you doe not proceed in the designed additionall Fortification till you have gained the Seerlascar's concurrent approbation or conniveance but lett the foundation laid bee ev[e]ned to the ground and covered, and so lett it lye till a favourable oppertunity happen for carrying it on. Wee are

Your Loving freinds

Nath: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Fort S^{t}: George 1st: Feb^{ry}: $169\frac{7}{8}$
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Edward Tredcroft.

No. 16.

FORT ST: GEORGE 3D: FEBRY: 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDENT OF FORT ST: GEORGE AND
GOVERNOUR OF FORT ST: DAVID &CA:
COUNCILL ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

This is onely to accompany the inclosed Execution writt from the Court of Admiralty for recovery of the Debt of senr: John Parera to Senhr: John Baptista and Manuell de Silva both Inhabitants of this place. The latter comes herewith, unto whom we desire you to give the necessary assistance for getting their just debt. Wherein if any difficulty arise advise us. We are **Sent overland.**

Your affect: freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 17.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDT: OF FORT ST: GEORGE AND
GOVERNR: OF FORT ST: DAVID &CA:
COUNCILL ATT FORT ST: DAVID.

Yours of the 1st: received last night brings such an accot: of your reception of Seilim Cawn and his carriage to you as gives a fair prospect of his inclination to freindship tho' itt is best not to depend on itt till further tryall, for the moors are wont to carry on their designes of mischeif under pretences of freindship. His next visitt will probably discover the truth. In the meantime wee will send you twenty Europe souldiers, which you may returne to us, so soon as the occasion is over, with all your supernumerary Topasses having occasion to supply Vizagapatam and the west coast; for which purpose wee desire you send us twenty or thirty Topasses by the first oppertunity if you can spare them.

The advices which you and the Dutch have received concerning Azumtarra agreeing with what is here reported from the Nabobs Camp and from Golconda. Itt is probably true, tho' many such reports have been spread which afterwards proved false.

Letter from Amerjeahn yesterday adviseth that the Nabob hath promissed him all perwannas and a suddain dispatch with a Horse and Cloths. When it comes wee shall advice further. Wee are

Fort St. George 4th: Febry: 169$\frac{7}{8}$

Your affect: freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
EDWD: TREDCROFT

No. 18.

To Mr: Richd: Watts Cheif &ca: Factors aboard Mary Bouyer off Covelone.

Wee have received yours of this date by a Lascar and congratulate your safe returne, send you by this mussula some fresh Provisions, wch: will bee enough to serve you into the road expecting every day that the wind will favour you till when continue att anchor and have a care of falling further to the southward. Wee are

Your Loving Freinds

Fort St: George 4th: Febry: 169⅞.

Nath: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Edwd: Tredcroft.

No. 19.

Fort St: George 7th: Febry: 169⅞.

To the Honble: William Hatsell Presidt: of Fort St: George & Govr: of Fort St: David &ca: Councill of Fort St: David.

₱ Boat. Wee have received your's of 3d: Instant with In[voice] and Bill of Lading for Bales laden on St: David Br[. . . .] doth not yett appear. By her returne we [. . .] some money. In the meantime advise us [. . .] want and for what occasion. Wee shall pay [you . . .] of 250 Pags: to Mr: Chardin when demanded.

If Gusfur Cawn has the government of Chingee and the Tegnapatam Countreys given to him, itt may save ye: Present to Seilim Cawn.

We have sent all the toyes wee had for Presents to Vizagapatam and have no scarlett nor other fine Clo[ths] nor any thing fitt for Presents (except a few swords blade nor can procure any at present).

This day came yours of 5th: with Duplicate of your Pacquett to the Rt: Honble: Company ₱ Sidney and answer to the Auditor-Generall's paper.

You gave a right answer to Gussfer Cawn's messenger and must insist upon itt, there is great reason to hope that the Nabob will not give Gusfer Cawn orders to trouble you. However acquaint Amer Jeahn with the necessary that hee may bee able to make application to the Nabob as occasion requires. Wee have wrote to him to follow your order.

Inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Lading for saltpetre Coates &ca: sent you by Boat Cannee amount Pags: [*Lacuna*] with List of Souldiers who carry their armes, and ought to bee returned with them without changeing.

The Boat calling on purpose for delivery of stores &ca: itt is part of our Contract that she shall pay no anchorage. Wee are

Your very affect: freinds

Nath: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Edward Tredcroft.

No. 20.

Fort St: George Febry: 8th: 169 7/8.

To the Honble: William Hatsell,
President of Fort St: George, and
Governr: of Fort St: David &ca:
Councill att ffort St: David.

The foregoing is copy of what sent ℘ boat which by contrary winds lyes in the road with the souldiers aboard. The Brigantine is since arrived wth: Bales. Inclosed is the above mentioned Invoice wth: accot: Provisions for the souldiers. Wee are (Sent overland.)

Yor: affect: freinds

Nath: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Edward Tredcroft.

P.S.

There was 5pa: 11fa. 20ca Expended for the souldiers, who come on the boat, for wood water and two Puncheons, which is omitt'd to bee charged in the Invoice.

N.H.

No. 21.

Fort St: George 17th: Febry: 169 7/8.

To the Honble: William Hatsell
President of Fort St: George and
Governr: of Fort St: David &ca:
Councill of ffort St: David.

Wee have received yours of 12 [and . . . inst.] with the Letter from the Nabob to President [. . . . . .] the delivery of the Cuddaloor and Tegnapatam [. . .] Gusfur Cawn's order wee caused the said Letter to [. . . . . .] and inclose a copy. Allso Copy of Letters from the [. . . . .] Governour to the Nabob Wottamchund and Emam Coo[ley] and Amerjeahn upon that occasion, which are drawn with the advice of the Mulla and Bramine with a particular regard to the Idiom of the Persian Language neither expressly asserting the Honble: Comps: rights by purchase (which the Nabob doubtless understands) nor quitting itt by the Nabobs answer wee shall perceive his design. In the meantime wee thinke itt requisite that you hasten Vincatee to the Camp to assist Amerjeahn with his advice as occasion requires. As is mentioned in a seperate Letter to Amerjeahn wherein there is allso a Generall mention made of money to bee given to the Nabob if necessary to preserve his freindship which will doubtless bee [more] effectually engaged by a private sume of money then by an ostentatious show of rarityes, for wch: he is accountable if given publickly. Wee are

Your affect: freinds

Nath: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Edward Tredcroft.

No. 22.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 19TH: FEB^RY. 169 7/8.

TO THE HON^BLE: WILLIAM HATSELL,
PRESIDENT OF FORT S^T: GEORGE, AND
GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T: DAVID &C^A:
COUNCILL OF FFORT S^T: DAVID.

Our last was the 17th: since which have received yours of 16th: giveing a further account of the disposition of your Inhabitants towards a removeall, the impatience of Collebeague for an answer, and the necessity of giveing a Present to the Nabob with a particular relation to Fort S^t: David standing on the Chingee countrey now conquered. Wee are of the same opinion especially since the Dutch do take that method, tho' itt will not be necessary for us to vye with them in the charge and pompous show, and beleive our businesse will be better done with a lesser charge if the money be given privately. Lett Vincattee proceed to the Camp and join with Amerjeahn; give him the necessary Instructions. The management of such businesse seem's to depend on Wootumchund, who hath hitherto much obstructed Amerjeahn, and till his freindship bee engaged there will bee nothing effected to purpose. Wee have nothing proper for presents that would bee acceptable to him or the Nabob. Hee is promissed a Manilha Trunke so soon as any comes.

By the returne of the Brigantine wee will send you the four minion and four saker guns, which you write for, that being the onely opportunity which wee can expect in a considerable time for sending to you, if you will upon receipt of this send us a List of all stores you want. Wee will by her supply you with all wee can procure and what money wee can spare.

Wee can buy Jagry here att four Pag^s: ℔ Candy or under if you want a store and thinke you cannot buy itt cheaper wee can send you as much as you want.

Inclosed are Copyes of severall paragraphs [. . .] R^t: Honble: Companys Generall Letter dated [. . .] which you may have occasion to obser[ve . . .] of business Viz^t: Par 3 : 14 : 22 : 26 : 40 : 42 : 48. Wee [are]

Your affec^t freinds.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^D: TREDCROFT.

No. 23.

TO M^R: SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIFE
&C^A: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM

Wee have received none from you since our last of the first Instant, Copy whereof comes inclosed, with Invoice and Bill of Lading for rarityes, and stores sent ℔ ship Simon, William Griffith Master amo^t: Pag^s: 246: 14: 3.

Zulphaker Cawn hath taken Chingee Fort, & hath given Cuddaloor and Tegnapatam towns into the Jaggeer of Gussfur Cawn Governour of Chingee, who hath sent his servants with the Nabobs perwanna demanding the delivery of them How far the Nabob will proceed in this demand wee cannot tell, but whatever the consequence bee wee cannot deliver them so long as they can bee defended, being fairly bought and paid for above 7 yeares before the Nabob conquered Chingee.

Inclosed are Copyes of 7 Paragraphs of the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[s]: Generall Letter dated 16th: Aprill 1697 Vz[t]: Par. 3 : 14: 22 : 26: 40: 42: 48: all which you may have occasion in the course of affaires to observe.

Lett us have your opinion of what can bee done att Metchlepatam with respect to the procury of Paintings wee have acquainted the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Company that we could not with any satisfaction entrust M[r]: Noden in such a businesse haveing not approved his Credit in private concerns.

Timbers will come so soon as a ship sailes for your Port that can take them in. Wee are

Yo[r]: Loving freinds

Fort S[t]: George Feb[ry]: 19th: 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

Nath[ll]: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Edward Tredcroft.

List of the Pacquett.

N°: 1 Generall Letter dated 19th: February 169$\frac{7}{8}$.
2 Copy of Fort S[t]: George Generall Letter the p[m]: Feb[ry]: 169$\frac{7}{8}$.
3 Copy of severall Par: of the R[t]: H: C: Generall Lre: dat[d]: 16 Ap[l]: 169$\frac{7}{8}$.
4 Invoice of ship Simon.
5 Bill of Lading of Ditto.
6 Stewards Acco[t]: Provisions for the souldiers.

No. 24.

Fort S[t]: George 21st: Feb[ry]: 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

To the Hon[ble]: William Hatsell
President of Fort S[t]: George and
Govern[r]: of Fort S[t]: David &c[a]:
Councill of ffort S[t]: David.

Yesterday wee received yours of 18th. adviseing the treacherous design of Seilim Cawn [. . .] Cudduloor and how prevented. There is mo[. . . .] King has ordered the Nabob to goe to Vellore [. . .] Cawn being willing to have possession of the Jag[geer . . .] to him before the Nabob went, urged the sending of [. . .] and give him possession of Cuddaloor &c[a]: But that the Nabob refused and bid him stay which hath putt Gusfur Cawn upon attempting the seizure in that manner by Seilim Cawn. If this bee true possibly the Nabob will not prosecute in earnest. However there being so many men killed and taken Prisoners he will from thence take occasion to encrease his demand of money and this is the least that can bee supposed. But if it were done by the Nabobs order and design to pick a quarrell, Hee will probably prosecute itt, both against you and us: and if he hath rec[d]: any orders from the King, a quarrell here may have an ill influence upon the other Factoryes in the Mogulls Dominions.

Which being considered with our circumstances wee think itt is the Interest of the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: to prevent further proceedings of Hostility if itt can be done by fair meanes thô chargeable. In the meantime that wee defend ourselves as well as wee can.

In order to an accommodation, itt will bee requi[si]te that you send the Horses and men you tooke Prisoners to Seilim Cawn and demand the Elephant w[ch]: probably he will not deliver. However lett the Horses and prisoners bee delivered with the bags of the false Treasure takeing a writing from the Hands of the Prisoners testifyeing w[t]: itt is.

Wee have this morning received yours of 19th: you doe very prudently in being cautious of Ebrahim Cawn Gurry's pretended freindship and of admitting Horsemen or Footmen strangers. Have a great care that the party of 30 men sent to Trepopulore bee not cutt off. They will bee too few to withstand the force wch: Seilim Cawn can bring with the assistance of the neighbouring Phousdars and Polligars.

You did well to send the Nabob an account. Wee will allso write to the Nabob this day and send you the Copyes of our Letters to him, Amerjeahn &ca:

By the Brigantine which arrived yesterday we shall send you (this night or tomorrow) all that yo: have wrote for.

If Seilim Cawn &ca: proceed itt will not bee safe to continue the Tappyes. Your Letters must bee sent by beggars or Peons in beggars habit and by sea. Wee are

Your affect: freinds

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

No. 25.

FORT ST: GEORGE 21ST: FEBRY 169⁷⁄₈.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDENT OF FORT ST: GEORGE AND
GOVERNR: OF FORT ST: DAVID &CA
COUNCILL OF FORT ST: DAVID.

Sent overland. This is only to accompany Mulla Keder John, whom wee have Entertained to serve you as Mulla, being [. . .] the fittest Person wee can procure; His pay [. . .] month, but have promised him that if you [. . .] tryall approve his service itt shall bee advanced [. . .] There is 8 pa: advanced him on account wages and [. . .] Pags: given him for the charges of his journey. We are

Your affect: freinds

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 26.

FORT ST: GEORGE, 21ST: FEBRY: 169⁷⁄₈.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDENT OF FORT ST: GEORGE AND
GOVERNR: OF FORT ST: DAVID &CA
COUNCLL: OF FORT ST: DAVID.

℗ Brigantine. Wee this day answered yours of the 18th: and 19th: Inst: this serves to inclose Invoice and Bill of Lading for what Laden on the Brigantine, and a List of

20 souldiers now sent, and list of 20 sent before by Boat, being 30 : Europe men and ten Topasses too many for us to spare out of our too small number, but we send them for y^r : Present service, in confidence that you will returne them to us if occasion require here, for which [the . .] southerly monsoon now setting in will serve conveniently wee can spare no more money, men nor good Armes. We are

A mulla went overland this day.

Your affect : freinds

NATH : HIGGISSON.

JOHN STYLEMAN.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

ROGER BRADDYLL.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT : EMPSON.

EDWARD TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUEIT.

No : 1 Generall Letter dated 21 February 169$\frac{7}{8}$.
2 Invoice for what Laden on board the Brigantine.
3 Bill Lading of Ditto.
4 List of souldiers sent ℘ boat.
5 List of souldiers ℘ Brigantine.

No. 27.

FORT S[T] : GEORGE 22[D]. FEB[RY] : 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

TO THE HON[BLE] : WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDENT OF FORT S[T] : GEORGE AND
GOVERN[R] : OF FORT S[T] : DAVID &C[A] :
COUNCILL ATT FORT S[T] : DAVID.

Wee have received yours of 20th adviseing Seilim Cawn's returne with 300 Horse and 1200 : Peons in order to a second attacque of Cuddaloor. Wee have this day sent Letters to the Nabob, Wootamchund and Emam Cooley and Amerjeahn the Copyes whereof in English come inclosed. In that to the Nabob is not a mention of the purchase of Tegnapatam onely in Generall termes that the Comp[a] : have enjoyed settlements on this Coast before the King conquered the Golconda and Cornatta countreys. And Amerjeahn is ordered to offer 1000 : Pag[s] : to Zulphaker Cawn 500 to Wootamchund and 250 to Emam Cooley. Not that wee thinke that will bee sufficient, but in order [. . .] Wee shall thereby understand whether itt ha [. . .] virtue of the King's order, or onely by the Nabob. Sent over-land.

Pray enquire further into the certainty of senn [. . .] his furnishing Powder and shott.

Wee will send you a vessell so soon as wee can get one fitt to lye in the road but wee cannot advise or approve the takeing of any ships, which would confirme the false storyes which have been raised against the English concerning Piracy, and was the first cause of their late troubles att Suratt.

Wee hope you are well assured of Santo Rows fidelity otherwise the more people he brings to your assistance the more dangerous.

The Brigantine sailed yesterday with 8 Guns 20 souldiers 40 Musketts 1000 flints and 4000 Pag[s] : There is order given for sending those things you writt for in the last Letter. The small brass mortar and larger shells wee cannot send but shall send 100 shells of 7$\frac{1}{4}$ inches if too little for the mortar the vacancy may bee filled with rambed Oacum, and then they will flye further then if shott from the small mortar.

The Letter written in Persian by your mulla to the Nabob is as our mulla sais so ill writt as was not fitt to bee shown the Nabob. Keader Jeahn sett out yesterday from hence, who is said to write well, tho' wee dont thinke there is any confidence to bee putt in such mullas further then meer writeing.

Itt will bee convenient that you lay in a store of salt Porke and Beefe in the Fort. Wee are

Your Affect̃ : freinds
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 28.

TO THE HON^BLE : WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDENT OF FORT S^T : GEORGE AND
GOVERN^R : OF FORT S^T : DAVID & C^A
COUNC^LL : OF FFORT S^T : DAVID.

Our last was the 22^d : adviseing the Brigantines departure on the 21st : with severall stores and men since which Amerjeahn wrote that he had received and delivered President Hatsells Letter to the Nabob, and would the next day give an account of his answer, but itt is not yett come.

This day wee received yours of 22^d : adviseing Seilim Cawn's second attempt and defeat, and desireing a supply of sundryes which wee intend to send you by the Mary Buoyer so soon as the winds favour which att present is southerly.

Wee find reason to suspect that Seilim Cawn's actions are by the Nabobs order and that wee shall in time have like trouble by some treacherous contriviances, but whether they proceed from the Nabobs inclination or others is doubtfull wee shall probably understand some thing by the Nabobs answers to the Letter sent him from President Hatsell and from hence, and hourly expect further advice from Amerjeahn upon Receipt whereof wee shall write you. In the meantime we pray god direct and preserve you and us, and remain

P.S.
Merchants trading from hence to the southward for Paddy have ordered 3 or 4 boats to deliver at Fort S^t: David.

Your Affect̃ : friends
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 29.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 25TH : FEB^RY : 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

TO M^R : SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF &C^A :
COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

Wee have received none from since our last of 19th : Instant ℘ ship Simon which brought you rarityes and stores amount Pag^s : 246 : 14 : 3 and 10 Souldiers. Wee then advised you of the Nabobs sending a Perwanna to Fort S^t : David

demanding the delivery of Cuddaloor and Tegnapatam town's since which wee are advised from thence that upon refuseall to deliver, Seilim Cawn did on the 19th : Inst : attempt to surprize Cuddaloor wherein being defeated, hee hath gathered more force, and in a second attempt hath burnt severall of the Tegnapatam Town's as by the inclosed Coppy of severall Paragraphs of our last Letter received yesterday and dated 22d : Instant.

Wee were willing to hope the first attempt was the rash act of Seilim Cawn, but find reason to doubt that the second was by the Nabobs order, which will allso effect this place and if the Nabob hath received any orders from the King, all the Companys settlements in the Mogulls Dominions.

There are Letters sent to the Nabob upon this occasion when wee receive an answer wee shall bee better able to judge, and shall send you further advice. In the meantime itt is necessary that you bee very cautious of the moors pretended freindship and provide for your defence and for your withdrawing allso if occasion shall require. For wee cannot foresee the tendency and issue of this quarrell and indeed doe not understand the true originall, whether itt proceeds from the king the Nabob or others. But itt is our present thoughts that if they quarrell with Madrass you will not bee long free and itt will not bee in our power to send you the necessary suplyes of men and stores, it will bee in vain for us to undertake the defence of soe many Forts, and better to defend one then loose all.

We wish wee had a Ship to send you, but wee have not one on the Coast. If you find occasion hire one to lye in the road till this trouble is ended which if itt bee onely a contriveance of officers to gett money, may soon blow over, but if itt proceed from the Kings order may prove a storme.

This comes by ship Elizabeth William Rogers master which brings you ten timbers, amount Pags : 42 : as ℘ inclosed Invoice and Bill of Lading.

Wee shall send more as opportunityes offer for procureing and sending them. Wee are

Yor : Loveing freinds
Nath : Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Edward Tredcroft.

List of the Pacquett.

No : 1 Generall Letter dated 25th : February 169⅞.
2 Copy of severall Par : of Fort St : David Genll : Lre : datd. 22d. Febry : 9⅞.
3 Invoice of Timbers ℘ Ship Elizabeth.
4 Bill of Lading for Ditto.

No. 30.

Fort St : George 26th : Febry : 169⅞.

To the Honble : William Hatsell
President of Fort St : George
and Governr : of Fort St : David &ca
Counll of ffort St : David.

Yesterday wee received yours of 23d : Our last was 24th : adviseing our Intentions of sending the Mary Buoy [er as s]oon a[s] the winds permitts, with what you have writt [about whi]ch wee have received no advice from Amerjeahn: [The] Bramine from the Camp writes and others, travelling Merchants and Peons say Sent overland

the same that the Nabob doth publickly disapprove of Seilim Cawn's act and would not permit Daud Cawn to goe to his assistance, also that 4: or 500 Morattas are come to Vellore, and more comeing and that the Nabob is come to Wandevas in order to his goeing against Vellore. But wee dont understand the bottom of their designes nor the springs of their motion. It will bee a very strange proceeding in a subordinate officer if hee made the attempt and prosecutes itt thus long without the Nabobs order or against his inclination.

Wee are sending the necessary advices to Vizagapatm: Bengall and Suratt, Wee are

Your Affect: freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 31.

FORT ST: GEORGE 26TH: FEBRY. 169 7/8.

TO THE RT. WORPLL: CHARLES EYRE
AGENT &CA COUNCILL OF BENGALL.

℔ Ship Welcome.

Our last was dated 17th: past ℔ Ship Tavestocke which being detained by contrary winds lay in sight many dayes after her dispatch. By her wee sent you Treasure &ca amount Pags: 64129. 1. 3. as ℔ Inclosed Coppy of Invoice.

Ship Sidney sailed for England on the 29th: past full laden with Pepper and Coast Bales after wee had taken ashore 2500 bags Petre and 100 bales Cotton Yarne and wee have now remaining in our Godowns of goods for Europe.

Saltpetre bags ...	5088
Cotton yarne Bales ...	100
Coast cloth ...	330
Round Pepper Candy ...	382

Which with about 100 bales from Fort St: David & Vizagapatam is all wee are possessed or assured of towards the Tavestockes Lading tho' if wee are not prevented by the troubles which the moors seem to design against us we might expect 3: or 400 bales more by June next.

In the last month the Nabob Zulphaker Cawn tooke Chingee Fort (Ramraja haveing before escaped by the Nabob's contriveance to Vellore Fort where he remaines) and appointing Gusfur Cawn Governour of Chingee fort gave him Cuddaloor and Tegnapatam Towns for part of his Jaggeer, and sent a Perwanna to Presidt: Hatsell demanding the delivery of the Townes to Gusfur Cawn's people. Which being refused, Seilim Cawn a neighbouring Phousdar under a pretence of Lodging the Kings Treasure in Cuddaloor for a night's security in it's passage to the Camp, did in the morning of the 18th: Instant haveing about 50 men attending the pretended treasure seize upon one of the Gates, and lett in above 100 more, but being opposed and dri[ven o]ut by our Garrison they onely robb'd a few shops [and] two [men] and carryed away three Elephants, but left 8 men dead, and 5 Prisoners with 6 Horses and the treasure bags which proved clay and lead. On the 22d. Seilim Cawn returned wth: 300 Horse and 1200 Peons and entred the bounds burning & destroying the villages till mett with a party of 50 souldrs: who after severall Hours dispute gave them occasion to retreat, and by our last Letter from Fort St: David Seilim Cawn remained without the bounds encamped on a Hill, as you will more particularly understand by the inclosed Coppies of severall of their Letters.

Wee are willing to hope the first attempt was the rash act of Seilim Cawn, but find reason to doubt that the second was by the Nabobs order which may allso effect this place, and if the Nabob hath received any orders from the King all the Hon[ble] : Comp[s] : settlements in the Mogulls Dominions.

There are Letters sent to the Nabob upon this occasion when wee receive an answer wee shall bee better able to judge and shall send you further advice. In the meantime it is necessary that you bee very cautious of the moor's pretended friendship, and provide for your safety, and for your withdrawing allso if occasion shall require for wee cannot foresee the tendency and issue of this quarrell and indeed do not understand the true originall whether itt proceeds from the King the Nabob or others. Tho by many travailing peons merchants and spyes wee are informed that the Nabob doth publickly blame Seilim Cawn for meddling with Cuddaloor without order and would not permit Seilim Cawn's brother Daud Cawn (master of 5,000 Horse) to goe to his assistance and there is some ground of probability, because itt is notoriously known that there hath been an irreconcileable feud between the Nabob and Daud Cawn for many yeares which is lately increased by his pushing on the takeing of Chingee against the Nabob's own inclination and intention but their Counsells are subtile and in the darke, and lye hid from us what appeares is, that the Nabob did give Cuddaloor and the Tegnapatam Towns to the Jaggeer of the Governour of conquered Chingee as the appendance of Chingee, and hath demanded the delivery of them, and upon refuseall the place is attacqued by an Army, in which attempt severall Moormen are killed among whom is the brother in Law of Seilim Cawn, wee have right on our side. The Hon[ble]. Company fairly purchased those Town's of the Prince in possession seaven yeares before Chingee was conquered. And those men were killed in our own Lawfull defence. But wee doubt such arguments will bee little regarded by men flushed with victory and who esteem themselves Lords of the universe, and if they will insist upon their demand, either wee must deliver or persist in Defence, either of which would involve the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[s]: affaires in India in great inconveniences wee have therefore by our application to the Nabob indeavoured to avoid bringing the main point of our right into question, and have rather chose to make an offer of withdrawing so soon as the kings pleasure is known and the Companys orders received.

Wee cannot ye[t] judge the issue, but thought itt necessary thus far to give you our sentiments and advice supposing itt probable that if the quarrell encrease you may feel the effects of itt in Bengall and possibly in Suratt allso and therefore wee desire you to send the Copy of what wee now write to the Hon[ble]: President and Councill of Surat and to his Excell[y]: the Generall by some good merchants conveyance, tho wee intend to write them from hence suddainly.

Haveing no ship here, wee are upon this occasion necessitated to detain the Mary Buoyer (which arrived the 7th: Instant from Tonqueen) to carry men stores &c[a]. between this place and Fort S[t]: David. She will bee sent y[o] so soon as the occasion is over.

28TH FEBRUARY

Since the foregoing wee are advised from Fort S[t]: David by their Letter dated 25th: that Seilim Cawn continued encamped on a Hill without the bounds. And that a neighbouring Phousdar Ebrahim Cawn Gurry was come to his Camp and pretends to mediate an accommodation. In order to which wrote to President Hatsell for delivery of the Prisoners and the dead Corps of Seilim Cawns brother, and to give Seilim Cawn some money that he might bee gone. The two former are complyed with but the last proposeall rejected. And by their Letter dated 26th : received this day they advise that Seilim Cawn hath raised his Camp and departed to his adjacent Government. But wee have no certain advice from the Nabobs Camp, nor doe wee understand his inclinations. Credible reports agree that 3 : or 4000 Morattas are come to Vellore,

and that a considerable army is coming which hath caused the Nabob to decamp from Chingee in order to the Suddain attacque of Vellore. Wee are.

Your Affec: friends

NATH[LL]: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 32.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE 1ST MARCH 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

TO THE HON[BLE]: WILL[M]: HATSELL
PRESID[T]: OF FORT S[T]: GEORGE AND
GOVERN[R]: OF FORT S[T]: DAVID &C[A]:
COUNCILL OF FFORT S[t]: DAVID.

Our last was 26 past on the 27th: & 28th wee received yours of 25th: and 26 and thanke God for the good prospect you give us of your being freed from the further attempt of Seilim Cawn att least from the present and for the Peace wee have hitherto enjoyed here.

But tho the Nabob doth see cause not to own the act of Seilim Cawn yet wee have no assureance that he did not order itt, or that he will not insist on the demand of the Towns. Itt is more probable that he will, unlesse we comply with his expectation which doubtless are large, and perhaps more then can bee gratifyed. Wee have no further advices from Amerjeahn then that hee delivered the Lieu[t]: Generalls first Letter to the Nabob, but had received no answer from him, nor was the second Letter then come to his hands.

If you apprehend itt safe for Vincatee to goe to the Camp, wee think itt would bee very convenient that you send him to join with Amerjeahn, and the rather because wee suspect Amerjeahn hath unhappily intangled himself in some inconveniences by furnishing the Braim[in]e Renter of the Polimelle Countrey with 30000 Rup[s]: being tempted with the great Profit of 5 ℔ Cent ℔ mensem usually allowed on such occasions.

Since you found reason not to send the Horses [to] Seilim Cawn, wee propound to your consideration [the] sending them to the Nabob, and att the same time dema[nd] the Elephants itt being our opinion that if they bee ever delivered, hee will deliver them upon the receipt of the Horses.

Inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Lading for what sent you by the Mary Buoyer amo[t]: Pagod[s] 997: 25: 4: and Coppy of last Letter from Amerjeahn rec[d]: yesterday.

Wee have detained the Mary Buoyer from Bengall to ply between this and Fort S[t]: David dureing this occasion but wee cannot by any means approve of your employing her or any other ship in takeing of any ships att Portonovo for the reason formerly mentioned.

There are Credible reports that the Morattas who lately came to Vellore have carryed away Ramraja with them and that the Nabob 3 dayes since out from Wandevas for Vellore with the Army onely, leaving the Baggage att Wandevas. Wee are

P.S.

There is a farther reason for Vincatee's going to the Camp Vz^t: that he might give the Nabob a right information of the manner of Seilim Cawns attempt, and contradict the false Storyes which Seilim Cawn hath and will raise against you to prosecute his revenge.

The Invoice and Bill Lading come by the Buoyer.

Yo^r: Affect: freinds

NATH^ll: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

No. 33.

TO THE HON^BLE: LAURENCE PITT COUNSELLOR EXTRAORDINARY OF INDIA AND GOVERNOUR OF NEGAPATAM &C^A COAST CORMANDELL FOR AFFAIRES OF THE R^T: HON^BLE: NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMP^A: &C^A COUNCILL.

Honble: & much respect'd.

On the 24th: January Wee received your Hon^r: &c^a: Letter dated 29th: January adviseing yor: Intention of sending some persons, so soon as the wind would serve to receive the Japarra ship and Cargo mentioned in our Letter of 12/22 January last. Having therefore reason to Expect them in a short time, wee did not apprehend the necessity of unlading the Cargo, but kept that and the ship in the same condition in which they came, till the Worp^ll: Abrahim Ysembaart and Hendrick Grousius brought us on the 20th: past your much esteemed Letter dated 26 ffeb^y: New style, empowring them jointly with the Phiscall of Pollicat Mr Direck Hackaart to receive the said ship and Cargo. Both which wee have caused to bee delivered unto the said Commissioners with the Hatches lock'd & sealed on the 23 day of the past month, without diminution or inquisition of the contents or quality of the Cargo, and without imbezlement of any stores found in the ship on her arrivall, wherein your Commissioners have declared themselves satisfy'd, and wee doubt not but they will acknowledge the same to your Hon^r: &c^a.

They have paid us all that wee disbursed on the s^d: ship since her arrivall in this Port Amo^t: to Pa: 384: 30: 44 and wee have left itt to them to make such satisfaction as they thinke fitt unto the master for his being Instrumentall in the saveing and bringing hither the ship & Cargo. We remain with great respect and affection

Honble: S^r: &c^a:
Yo^r: very affect: freinds and humble serv^ts:

NATH^LL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Fort S^t: George 1st: March 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

No. 34.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 2^D: MARCH 169⅞.

TO THE HON^BLE: WILLIAM HATSELL PRESID^T:
OF FORT S^T: GEORG^E & GOVERN^R: OF FORT
S^T: DAVID &C^A: COUNCILL OF FFORT S^T: DAVID.

This serves onely to inclose Invoice and Bill of Lading for stores and Provisions sent you by the Mary Buoyer George Weoley master amount to Pag^s: 997 : 25 : 4. Wee are

Your affect: freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^D: TREDCROFT.

No. 35.

TO CAP^T: GEORGE WEOLEY
COM^R: OF MARY BUOYER.

Upon receipt hereof you are to repair aboard and [with] the first opportunity of wind and weather to weigh anchor and sett sail and make the best of your way for the most speedy attaining of the Port of Fort S^t: David, Tegnapatam where w^n: arrived you are to deliver our Letter herewith delivered you to the Honble: William Hatsell Governour &c^a: Councill whose orders you are to follow for your unlading and further proceeding Dated in Fort S^t: George this 2^d: March 169⅞.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^D: TREDCROFT.

No. 36.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 3^D MARCH 169⅞.

TO THE HON^BLE: WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDENT OF FORT S^T: GEORGE &
GOVERNOUR OF FORT S^T: DAVID &C^A
COUNCILL ATT FFORT S^T: DAVID.

On the 1st Instant wee answered yours of 25th and 26 past adviseing your sending of Vincatee to the Camp to join with Amerjeahn. This day wee received yours of 1st acquainting us that Seilim Cawn intends to trouble you again, and propounding your opinion that applications ought to bee made to the Nabob, by mean's of Uttumchund to prevent further trouble.

With ours of 22^d past wee sent you Coppy of a Letter to Amerjeahn ordering him to apply to the Nabob for his necessary Perwannas and to offer him 1000: Pag^s: 500: to Uttumchund and 250 to Emam Cooley. Not that we thought that would bee sufficient, but to begin a treaty not thinkeing itt prudent to give Amerjeahn the liberty of giving what he pleases, the reason whereof you have in our last Letter adviseing that hee is intangled by lending Rs. 30000 to the Junckaneer which is allso a reason for sending another Person to join with him, for which

there can bee none fitter then Vincatee, being soe well acquainted with all Circumstances relating to Tegnapatam. But if you cannot possibly spare Wincatee send another.

Amerjeahn has not advised the receipt of our said Letter, because the Nabob sett out from Wandevas for Vellore and Amerjeahn with him before itt could arrive, but wee hourly expect to hear from him.

In the meantime wee cannot propound any other method of application unlesse wee should recall Amerjeahn and send another, which cannot bee adviseable.

Jeamseed Cawn wrote to our Mulla for his family to bee admitted here upon which the Governour tooke occasion to write him, and hath received his answer Coppyes of both which come inclosed and wee have thereupon resolved to send one to remaine with him as he desires and shall make tryall of his freindship thô are not willing to trust his family till matters are accommodated. Hee hath been formerly very freindly and is a confident of the Nabobs.

Yesterday the Mary Buoyer sailed with Invoice & Bill of Lading of stores sent (what you wrote for) but wee must repeat our positive opinion all circumstances considered, that no attempt bee made by her or otherwise on any ships or Vessells.

As for the Engineer wee shall answer you when the opportunity offers for his going. Wee are

Your affect: freinds
Nath: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Edw^{D}: Tredcroft.

No. 37.

To M^{R}: Simon Holcombe Cheife &c^{A}:
Councill att Vizagapatam.

Inclosed is the Copy of our last dated 25th past by ship Elizabeth since which Seilim Cawn hath withdrawn from Cuddaloor, and retired to his adjacent Government, and wee are by severall wayes assured that ye Nabob hath publickly disowned and disapproved Seilim Cawn's act, and refused to accept three Elephants which he had robbed and presented to the Nabob, and order'd them to bee returned. But itt hath happened in this Juncture 4 or 5000 Morattas came to Vellore, whither Ramraja had escaped from Chingee which obliged the Nabob to carry his Army thither. Ramraja upon that news is gone from Vellore with the said Morattas, and the Nabob follows them, but probably no further then the extent of his Countrey, and his returne is expected suddainly after which itt will appear whether he do's really design to trouble us. Att present wee can make no judgment having yet received no answer to the Letters sent him so that wee find reason to confirme the caution given you in the inclosed, and the rather because the last Letters received from Fort S^{t}: David yesterday give an account of their advices, that Seilim Cawn doth threaten and prepair for another assault of Cuddaloor. Wee are

Your Loving freinds
Nath: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Edw^{D}: Tredcroft.

Fort S^{t}: George 4th: March 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

No. 38.

Fort St: George 8th March $169\frac{7}{8}$.

To the Honble: William Hatsell
President of Fort St: George and
Governour of Fort St: David &ca
Councill of ffort St: David.

Our last was 3rd: Instant yesterday wee received yours of 5th: adviseing Seilim Cawn's preparation for some unknown expedition, and you intend to send Vincatee to join with Amerjeahn, and that hee shall come hither to receive Instructions. Wee thinke itt would bee very proper for you to give him instructions, because you may know many circumstances relating to your Place, better then wee, and deliver him Copyes of all Cowles and Perwannas which have been received from the Nabob or other officers, & Copy of Ramrajas sale, that hee may bee able to produce [them] if occasion shall require, and wee shall give him further Instructions if itt shall appear necessary.

Spye Bramines from the Camp advise that the Nabob hath followed after Ramraja as farr as Gurrum[c]umda and that from thence the Nabob will returne to Sautgur and from thence to Arcott to keep the Ramzan. Amerjeahn is gone with the Camp, but there is no Letter from him since hee sett out from Wandevas, so soon as wee heare anything from him shall communicate itt to you.

On the 5th: Instant the Olive Branch arrived from the west coast with advices of 20th: January that the Amity was dispatched laden in November that the Madrass frigat arrived att York Fort 13th: January & would bee dispatched full Laden in 7 dayes that their Pepper plantations encrease and the Countrey in peace.

9th: March

This morning came yours of 7 adviseing Seilim Cawn and Collebeagues intentions and preparations for a further demand of the villages, and Ebrahim Cawn Gurry's overture concerning the Prisoners and Horses, which wee should bee glad to hear you were well rid off, for so long as you keep them you keep a pledge in your own hands for Seilim Cawn's returne.

Wee have nothing from Amerjeahn. When Vincatee comes wee will send him forward: hasten to us the Copies aforementioned supposing you may have some usefull writeings which wee have not.

Wee shall order the buying of 40: or 50 Candy of Jagry to send you by the returne of the Brigantine which is not yet in sight. We are

Yor: affect: freinds
Nath: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Rogr: Braddyll.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Edwd: Tredcroft.

No. 39.

Fort St: George 11th March $169\frac{7}{8}$

To his Excelly: Sr: John Gayre Knt:
Capt: Generall and Directore in Cheif
for all affaires & Forces of the
Rt: Honble: English East India
Compa: in India
&c. Councill att Bombay.

May it Please yor: Excelly: &ca:

Our last was 8 Jan ry. Via Anjengo overland relating to a Japarra ship taken by the Pirates of the Mocha Frigatt and brought hither by William Willock. In

persuance of consultation 6th. January last wee did by our Letter dated 12 January last make an offer of said ship and Cargo to the Governour and Councell of Negapatam, as belonging to persons subject to their Government and sailing under a Dutch passe & colours which they accepted and by their Letter dated $\frac{26}{16}$ Febry. deputing Messrs: Yseinbaart, Grousieur and Hackaart to receive her, wee delivered the Ship and Cargo to them with the hatches lockd and sealed on the 23d: February who gave us a receipt for the same dated 26th: ffebruary but quitted a parcell of goods (China silks &ca which the Pirates had probably taken from severall ships, and liberally distributed according to their fancyes) which the master, Passengers and Laskars had brought ashore in their chests, as not being a part of the ships Cargo & left them to the ships Company in part satisfaction for their bringing the ship, as by their Declaration dated 26: February a List whereof wee have caused to bee publickly exposed, and a Bill sett upon the gates in severall Languages inviting all persons to make claime if they have any by the 1st of April, Coppyes of said Letters, receipt Declaration and Bill come inclosed, which is all wee have to write on that subject, onely that Messrs: Yseinbaart &ca sent the Ship out of this road with the Hatches sealed with their own seales on the 28th; February to Pollicherry.

Ship Sidney sailed from hence on the 29th January full Laden for England, with a Cargo amot: Pags: 86618: 1: 3 besides Diamonds amount Pags: 12677: 6: 3.

Our last Letter from Bengall dated 2d: December advised their Intention and readyness for dispatching the Sampson full Laden by the 10th: January but wee have not heard anything since, wee were in hopes after calling here to accompany the Sidney and her not coming makes us doubt she did not saile so soon.

The Tavestock was dispatched from hence on 25 Janry: for Bengall but lay in the road and in sight till the Febry: being detained by contrary winds which makes us doubt tho' wee gave notice to Bengall to prepare for her coming whether she will returne from thence in March Laden with Saltpetre &ca: as designed. Wee have towards her Lading about 400 Coast Bales and 400 Candy Pepper but till wee understand from Bengall what they can contribute, wee cannot foresee when she will be laden for England or whether from hence or Bengall wee would willingly send her home so soon as wee can to save the demorage of so great a ship.

On the 5th: Instant Ship Olive Branch, which sailed from hence in May last to the West coast with souldiers stores &ca returned with 100: Candy Pepper, and 21 Caske Battavia arrack bought att 12 Dollars ₱ Cask of 40 Gall: The Letters received from the Governour & Councill of York Fort dated 19th: January last from Mr Frith are too large to send the coppies by this conveyance. The former give an account that the Pepper plantations doe increase and thrive and yeild great quantities of Pepper. That besides 500 Candy spared by themselves to Countreyship and by Mr: Frith to the Interlopers, and 210 Candy sent hither by the Dolphin and Olive Branch, they have despatched the Amity full Laden in November last, and had sufficient for the Lading of the Madrasse frigatt for England, and of the Dolphin for this place, all which wee compute at about Candy 1500 in the space of one year, notwithstanding the disorders and impediments which happened in the fertile rivers of Sablat and Cattown lying between Tryamong and Bencoolen, which they now write are in a fair way to bee reduced into good order, the principle promoters of those troubles having sued for an accommodation. But Mr: Frith gives a different account and represents them irreconcileable to Mr: Mildmay, because he cutt of severall of the Chief men, when invited to a Bitchar by freindly promisses, without accustomary processe.

Tho' wee might suspect Mr: Frith's representations are calculated with respect to his own justification, yet wee doubt there is too much truth in the reason alledged, considering the matter of Fact and the revengefull temper of the Mallayes which single consideration went a great way in determining our resolve for [to] send Mr: Soam's supravisor, and ordering the Madrass frigat to call att Acheen for him (as advised in ours of 16th: Sepr: last) and wee are concerned for the Disappointment. The Madrass frigat spending so much time, from the 10th: Septemr; to 8th: November in her passage to & stay att Vizagapatam, could not gain the port of Acheen and arrived York Fort the 13th: January and by the 20th: was Lading for Europe, & they

write wo[d] : be dispatched by the 30th : after w[ch] : they intend to send the Dolphin hither by w[ch] : ship we shall send the necessary orders & supplyes if she comes in due time wee

Your : Exc[ys] : very Hum[ble] : &
Obed[t] : Serv[ts] :

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT,
MATTHEW EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 40.

FORT S[T] : GEORGE 18TH : MARCH $169\frac{7}{8}$.

TO THE HON[BLE] : WILL[M] : HATSELL
PRESIDENT OF FORT S[T] : GEORGE &
GOVERN[R] : OF FORT S[T] : DAVID &C[A] :
COUNCILL OF FORT S[T] : DAVID.

Your's of 11th : instant brought us coppyes of Ramrajas sale, Zulphaker Cawnes Perwannas &c[a] as ℔ list. That Perwanna which Kidder Jeahn translated hath been translated allso by M[r] : Lewis the Mulla and Ramapa with exactnesse the copy whereof is inclosed and doth agree in sense with that of Kidder Jeahns. They agree that the first part is very well, and very proper to bee produced upon all occasions, had not the latter clause been added (Viz[t] : It must bee that the Captain render an account of the revenues according to the established custom) which the mulla doth still positively affirme, ought not bee produced least it render you accountable for the revenues of the Place from the date of the Perwanna, and M[r]. Lewis & Ramapa think the words (according to established custom) in the Persian Language capable of various construction which no word in the English Language can expresse fully.

Instructions are prepared for Vincattee but since the 2nd February wee have received no Letter from Amerjeahn, nor do wee certainly know where the Nabob is, or how far he (will) goe or when returne, nor what number of Morattas are coming into the countrey. The onely probable account is that Ramraja is gone for Parrarra, that the Nabob followed beyond Gurrumgunda and there waits the Kings order for his further proceeding. And wee have no certain account of what you write concerning Daud Cawn and Birojee Gurpura so soon as wee receive better advice, we shall send Vincattee forward.

The losse of 10,000 houses and their Inhabitants is very great, and not reparable in many yeares. But it ought to bee considered whether an account of damages may bee presented to the Nabob in such manner as to bee transmitted to the Kings notice tho' a demand may doubtless bee made of Seilim Cawne for the utmost damage to terrify him.

The Brigantine brings you Jagry &c[a] as ℔ invoice & bill of Lading which will bee sent therewith and Cap[t]. Werlinghoff doth according to your desire take his passage upon her.

The Mary Buoyer will bee wanted in Bengall wee therefore desire you to send her hither, unlesse you have a present occasion for her, and when you have occasion wee had rather you would hire another Vessell then detain her. Wee are

Yo[r] : Affect̃ : freinds
NATT : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
EDW[D] : TREDCROFT.

No. 41.

FORT S^T : GEORGE 19TH MARCH '98.

TO THE HON^BLE : WILL^M : HATSELL PRESID^T :
OF FORT S^T : GEORGE AND GOV^R : OF FORT
S^T : DAVID &C^A COUNCILL OF FFORT S^T :
DAVID.

This comes by Brigantine and incloses invoice & bill of Lading for Jagry &c^a Laden & will bee delivered by Capt: [We]linghoff who takes his passage on her and may return so soon as he hath finished the business which you [desire] his assistance in. Hee doth here take place next to the Minister. Wee are

Your affect : freinds
NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
EDW^D : TREDCROFT.

No. 42.

FORT S^T : GEORGE 21ST : MARCH 169 7/8.

TO THE R^T : WORP^LL : CHARLES EYRE ESQ^R :
AGENT &C^A COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

Our last was 11th : instant ℘ Brigantine Olive Branch copy whereof comes inclosed. By our's dated 10th : January wee acknowledged the receipt of your's dated 25th November ℘ Chambers frigat and 31 D^o : ℘ Eagle and 2^d : December ℘ Sidney. On the 12th : instant we received your Pacquet ℘ ship George dated 3^d : February, and your Letter dated 5th : February by Ship Wanstead, and on the 13th March yours of 29th . January by a Portuguez ship of S^t : Thomas, who kept the letter three dayes after arrivall as they generally doe whereunto wee returne the necessary answer. ℘ Mary Buoyer.

25th : November.

2. Wee had been informed that the same pepper which was bought att 8 rupees ℘ ma^d : was att the same time sold to the Honble Company att 10^ru : ℘ mā : which was the occasion of enquiry, but the information proving wrong there is an end of that matter.

3. M^r. Winder came by the Chambers Frigat who stood accused in your Generall Letter of 4th : March 169 6/7 of corresponding with the Interlopers, and Lading Goods upon the Ship, notwithstanding his promise to the contrary, for which reason wee ordered him hither, understanding the sense of your Letter (hath falsifyed his word and laded severall peices of goods for England) thus, that whereas he had by your leave received from y^e : Interlopers some consignment made to him by his Brother without his knowledge, and had promissed not to Lade any upon the ship, yet had Laden the returnes of that consignment, and did not understand itt otherwise till M^r. Winder upon examination doth freely offer his oath that he never did nor designed to Lade any goods, and onely gave a Dutchman to bee delivered to an officer of the Ship 3 night rails, 2 p^s of Mull[mulls,] and one quill for a present to his sister, which upon notice of your dislike recall'd it which design of his tho' utterly disapproved, yet differs much from lading Goods (in the common acceptation) and considering

the Apology you made for him in the same Letter that he had not been otherwise guilty, and was a necessary diligent servant, and particular Letters from some of yourselves to some of the Councill here expressing a desire of his returne, wee had agreed, tho' 'twas not convenient that he should returne presently yet that he should returne so soon as the Interlopers Ships were gone. But upon perusall of your Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company by the Sampson datd. 20th: January in the Postscript you advice them in generall terms (Mr. Bowridge and Mr. Winder being found guilty of corresponding with the Interlopers they were ordered up to the Fort upon our advices of the matter of Fact) but you do not advise them what the matter of ffact was, or what the difference between Bowridge and Winder so that the Rt. Honble: Company will by your Letter conclude Winder as Guilty as the other & will expect that wee should deal with him accordingly and if wee returne him to you will not their Honrs: thinke that you having faithfully discharged your Duty, wee have a favour for the Interlopers & such as correspond with them wch: consideration hath for some time occasioned a Demur to his returne.

4. Mr. Davenport came by Ship Sidney concerning whom you informe us that you have nothing to say further then that he has been serviceable to ye French in bringing up their Ships and Vessells but there being no instances given of particulars, and nothing Criminall to bee found in any register of Fort St. George, nor confessed by himself on examination in such manner as to fix a processe against him in Court, wee have accepted his Bond for his good behaviour & appearance when called. In the meantime if you have any proofes against him, wee desire you to remitt them and to give him what assistance you can in getting in the severall Debts which he alledges are due to him from severall in Bengall as by an Account of particulars wch: will come inclosed if he delivers it, and pay the money wn: received according as he shall therein direct.

31st. December.

5. The Computation you sent us of the Sidneys Tonnage was forwarded to the Rt: Honble; Company by the same Ship with due deduction of what Laden short.

6. The Sidney touched att Vizagapatam but they had no Bales ready.

7. Capt: South's refusal to take Francis Davenport on board was advised by the same Ship to his Excelly: &ca:

8. The Mary Buoyer was (as advised in ours of 26th: past) detained for the service of Fort St. David they writeing for her, but the occasion seeming to be intermitted by the Nabobs removall, wee have sent for her and now returne her to you with Rupees 7193.

9. Of the 180: bales Cotton yarne you sent us by the Sidney wee continued on Ditto Ship, but 80, and reserved the rest for other Ships having other Bales enough to fill the Sidney.

10. Wee observe the particular account you give of the applications designed by yourselves and made by the Dutch and Interlopers to the Prince and Duan. The large sums paid and offer'd by the Latter for one Ship, layes the foundation of the ruine of the Rt; Hon:ble Companyes trade in Bengall.

11. The Cotton received by the Chambers frigat sold here att above 20 Pag ℔ Candy.

12. You bought 4000 bags of Petre att Hugly, and now advise the receipt of 10000: from Pattana wee can't call to mind that you have since sent away any but by the Sidney, Sampson and George. But the List of goods remaining for Europe 5th. February last mentions, but 2200 mads and your Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company by the Sampson mentions 1000: Tons in the House. There is a mistake in one of the advices.

13. As to Mr. Peachies Goods you will have an answer in the following Paragraphs, and concerning Mr. Stanley.

Wee are very sensible with you that you have had too small a Stock for carrying on your businesse without Credit, and by the Tavestock will have

a lesse for a greater Ship but wee have alwayes sent as much as possible we could (frequently paying Interest for moneys sent you) and shall make up the stock ordered by the R^{t}: Honble. Comp^{a}: £30,000.

14. Wee design to send M^{r}. William Warren (late Chyrurgeon of Tonqueen) to you by the Mary Buoyer or so soon as business depending in the Court can bee finished.

29th: January.

16. The Sampson did not call here or if he had, it would have been too late to accompany the Sidney, who sailed from hence on the 29th: January. We doubt not but the R^{t}: Honble: Company will accept your good service in compleating so good a Lading for the Sampson, and sending so much hither towards the Lading of the Sidney.

3^{d}: February.

17. The Coppy of your Letter to the R^{t}. Honble: Comp^{a}: ꝑ Sampson, shall bee forwarded by the first opportunity.

18. Wee desire you to peruse our Letter of 4th: February 15 & 17th: March 169$\frac{6}{7}$ Par: 11: 12: 13 and our Letter of 6th: April 1697. Par: 1: 2: 3: 4: 5 and consider with us what answers y^{o}: have returned. Your Letter of 27th: May 1697 tells us that you will give an answer by the next, the Agent being then indisposed 12th: June. The Agent being recovered y^{o}: will answer suddainly 16th: August. That the answer requires more time then was foreseen and therefore desire our patience.

28th: August ꝑ Wellfair. That you have made the utmost enquiry in M^{r}: Peachies business, and send us papers relating thereunto.

When the R^{t}: Honble: Company read this, they will conclude that you had sent a perfect answer to all that ever we had wrote for in our said Letters or before: but the List of the Pacquett ꝑ the Wellfair mentions onely account of Maulda Goods sent to England. Answer to Attorney Generalls queryes. List of M^{r}: Peachies papers, and Copies of his Persia and Gentue papers and no answer then nor since to all these aforementioned 11: 12 and 13 Parag̃: wherein you will find 12 queries propounded, which can be answered by none but yourselves. Whereupon wholly depends the question relating to M^{r}. Peachies overvaluing of the whole Maulda Investment; which cannot be brought to an issue without your answer.

19. In our said Letter of 4th: February 169$\frac{6}{7}$ we acquainted you that we demanded of M^{r}: Peachie the writings of Maulda Factory, and desire you to send us a List of them in his Boxes, and copyes of what related to the last Investment with an account of what you know concerning those which he alledges were lost in the Warr.

You have sent us a List but you have also sent us more papers then were contained in the List. Therefore that List is not true nor fit to be produced in a Court. Wee advised you of the defect but instead of sending us a perfect List, you tell us, that M^{r}: Peachies papers are kept together and none lost or embezled, and give no account of those said to bee lost in the warr. What all can be made of that answer in a Court, or how can that matter be brought to an issue.

You send us M^{r}. Peachies Account Curr^{t}: as it stands in your Bookes, and design to bring some rupees and Mohurs of his into the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Cash. If you had not time to bring them into Cash before, you might now have told us how many rupees and Mohurs there are, that he might have due Credit for them, and for the Collobutta &c^{a}: mentioned in the Bengall Consultation 26th: October 1693 to bee delivered into the Hands of Agent Ellis, which he saith was delivered by him to Agent Eyre's.

20. If you peruse our Letter of 24th: June 1695 sent ꝑ Martha with M^{r}. Peachies returned Bales you will find that wee then desired the following.

(1) Invoice of Maulda Goods sent home to y^{e}: R^{t}: H: Camp^{a}.
(2) Valuation of those goods.
(3) List of Maulda writings.

The second was sent with your Letter of [*lacuna*]. Wee advised you of a defect in itt, but you gave no answer.

The first and third wee received with yours of 28th: Augt; 1697. The latter defective, and you dont think fit to make itt perfect. And all this while those Bales lye in your Godown, and you complain they will receive damage to prevent which you desire for their disposall. Judge you by the foregoing whether it bee our fault or yr: own. Mr. Peachie is so perverse that he will not give any pertinent answers to any thing, and you have not sent us the necessary answers required. How can this matter bee brought to an issue. Wee know you have much business especially in times of trouble with the Government and Interlopers, and possibly you have not had time to spend upon such things but the fault if any bee, is not ours.

21. There is a new seerlascar of the Gingerlee Countrey Rustumdill the son of the Golconda Suba, who begins to bee troublesome. The Factory hath been supplyed wth necessarys from Hence.

22. Wee have advice from York Fort of the safe arrivall of Madrass Frigat in January last, from whence she was to bee dispatched full Laden by the ulto: January and the Amity from England was Laden from thence in November. On the 5th: instant the Olive Branch arrived with 100 Candy pepper. The Ship being unfit for service without great repair, we have broke her up: wee suddainly expect the Dolphin again wth: a Lading of Pepper, and intend to returne her to the West Coast with necessary supplyes.

23. Wee can say nothing concerning the Tavestocke till wee hear from you wee are advised from Vizagapatam she touch'd there, and proceeded on the 15th February.

24. Mr: Stanlyes persisting in a scandalous cohabitation with a woman of ill fame, whom he will neither leave nor marry, and his refusall to proceed on the Rt. Honble: Compas: service to the Prince upon frivolous pretences of want of necessaryes, which would cost but 20 : rups: deserve suspension, and wee thinke he ought to stand suspend'd till the Rt. Honble: Companys pleasure be known and if you apprehend him troublesome in Bengall order him to proceed hither when the Monsoon serves.

25. You did well in sending Mr. Ravenhill hither with his accusation and answer which hath not been fully examined.

26. Wee have received the Petre by Ship George 2000 bags and leave ship 500 for freight in specie. It is very course black and dirty and desire no more on freight, having now [*lacuna*] bags, which with what the Tavestock or other Ships of the Rt. Honble: Companys will occasionally bring is a sufficient store unlesse twere better.

27. Wee have sent the silke wormes received by the George to Fort St. David, and observe you cannot ꝑswade any natives to come with them. Wee fear these will also prove dead and useless.

5th. February.

28. We have received the Invoice and Bill of Lading for the Bombay Iron & Nailes ꝑ Ship Wanstead which wee expected by the Sidney.

29. Your Letter of 29th: January requires no answer, and also that of 2d: December ꝑ Sidney hath had the necessary answer except relating to Mr: Bowridge whom you advise that you have sent by that Ship, and that he hath paid 214 rupees for his two Childrens passage for England.

30. Mr. Bowridge upon his arrivall here being examin'd concerning his dealing with Interlopers, and your information perused, wee have permitted him to take his passage on Ship Sidney. Wee inclose the Copyes of the Entryes in our Consultation and of the Examinations taken here. Wee find in your Consultation 21st October last (received since) that you did not consent to his Discharge but referred him to the Fort for a discharge, whereof you advise us not, and deliver to himself papers amounting to a discharge. The reason whereof wee can't understand nor why Hartop so materiall a wittness (who came hither after Bowridge was gone) was not examined from May to September last, nor why the Agent should give Mr. Bowridge Dusticks for such great quantityes of goods proper for Europe, or permitt him to goe down the river with his Laden Sloop.

31. Wee do upon this occasion thinke it necessary that the following Rule bee observed Vz[t]: That the Agent grant's no Dustick's for any persons, or for any occasion whatsoever, till the copy thereof (Vz[t]. the name of the person and Place, and particulars of the Goods) be Entered in a Booke to bee kept for that purpose, and copy of each Dustick signed by the Agent and at least one of the Councill in the s[d]: Booke and y[e] booke to lye every consultation day upon y[e] Table for perusall.

5th April 1698.

32. This day Ship Sedgwick arrived from Anjenga & brings us the inclosed Copy of an Account of the Pirates actions on that Coast, and the Sedgwick in her returne from Anjengo was taken by the Allgerine Galley one seivers a Dutchman Commander an Extraordinary sailer and rowes with 24 Oars 250 Tons 150 men & 28 Guns but was dismissed, without impairing her Cargo (which was nothing but pepper, and not for their turne) but they rob'd her of two new Duck courses, their Cable, cordage, Pitch, Tarr &c[a] Stores.

33. Wee have no advise of the arrivall of the Bedford, or Dorothy but are advised of the Chambers frigat, and Frances, safe arrivall att Bombay.

34. This comes by the Mary Buoyer Cap[t]: George Weoley Comander who brought her from Bombay, recomended by His Excell[y]: as an able man, and so he hath approved himself in the Tonqueen Voyage, and a careful good Husband and wee observe no fault in him, but that he doth too much overvalue his own abilityes.

35. Inclosed is the Invoice and Bill of Lading for rupees and Cables amount Pag[s]: 2870:24:2 wee send no more rupees, because wee have no more. Wee send the Cables because wee have more here than wee can dispose of, and it seems probable that you will dispose of them sooner in Bengali.

Since our Last of the 16th of March Seilim Cawn ha[th] advanced with his Army, Ladders, rocketts &c[a] near Cuddaloor but returned without making any attempt. Amerjeahn remaines still att the Camp treating with the Nabob and gives a probable Account of an accommodation but the issue is not yet certain. There is one unlucky passage in the Account of Kidds piracyes in February last vz[t]: that he told the Persian Factor of the Quedda Merch[t]: that he tooke the Ship by Commission from the King of England, whereof the Persian intends to complain to the King.

Inclosed is a List of Stores belonging to Mary Buoyer and of the Company with their pay. Wee are

Your Affect: freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

P.S.

Tho' wee suppose the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: have given you the necessary directions in their own Letter to the Bay by the Tavestock yet not knowing the contents, wee inclose the 42[d]: Par. of their Letter to us dat[d]: 16 ap[ll]: 1697 relating to Passes.

Id[m].
N: H
&c[a].

No. 43.

FORT S[T]: GEORGE 25TH MARCH 98.

To M[R]: SIMON HOLCOMBE

CHEIF &C[A] COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

On the 19th Instant wee received yo[rs]: of 20th: past by Ship Fleetwood and on the 20th: Instant your Pacquett by Peons dated 28th: past with papers according to List. wee returne your Peons by this Boat belonging to John Parera whose Factor desires your Liberty and assistance for bringing the Boat into your river and her repair. ℘ Boat.

This is not intended for a full answer to your Letters but onely to inclose the Copy of our Last dated 4th: Instant and to confirm the caution given you in that and a former of 25th. past. Since our last the Nabob proceeded as far as Seerpe in persuit of Ramraja, and wee are this day informed, that he is coming back half way to Chingee but wee have received no advices from the Camp tho' have many people there in 25 dayes. On Saturday last Selimon Cawn came within ten miles of Cuddalore with 200 Horse and 300 foot prepared and designed for the third attack of Cuddalore, but return'd without making any attempt. Wee remain still doubtful of the Nabobs design, and therefore you ought to prepare for the worst, and hasten in Your Cloth as fast as you can, and give out no more money or but little att a time to the Merchants till you receive further advice from us, which wee shall not fail in sending yo: as occasion requires and opportunityes offers.

You write that it is impossible to reduce ye Factory charges to the regulation of the Rt Honble: Compa: and therefore desire to be acquitted wherein you seem to make too suddain a resolve. Pray give us your opinion as desired in our's of 6th January of the number of servants &ca necessary for carrying on the Rt: Honble: Comps: mercantile affairs (Vzt: those Six Heads mentioned in the 66th Parag: of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Letter dated 16th April 1697. Dyett Factors Provisions, Servants Wages, stores and Garden) there is a difference between a Factory and Fortification and between ordinary charge in the common course of Investments, and Extraordinary charges occasioned by accidents, and though a Horse is convenient for state yet you may carry on your business without one.

Wee approve your present of 1500: rups: to the new seerlascar as necessary and well-timed. Wee are

Your Loving freinds

NATH: HIGGINSON.

JOHN STYLEMAN.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

ROGER BRADDYLL.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON.

EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 44.

FORT ST GEORGE 28TH MARCH 1698.

TO THE HONBLE WILLIAM HATSELL PRESIDENT OF FORT ST: GEORGE AND: GOVERNR OF FORT ST: DAVID &CA: COUNCLL OF FORT ST DAVID.

Wee have received your severall Letters of [*lacuna*] Inst since ours of 18th with Translates of papers relating to Selim Cawn and have been in daily expectation of receiving advices from Amerjeahn from the Camp that wee might understand where the Camp was, and whether he had Entred into a treaty with the Nabob. Last night our Peons came from the Camp who advise that the camp was 8 dayes agoe beyond Gurrungunda, and that the Nabob designed to go (after hee had finished some business with Polligars) against Vellore They brought a Letter from Amerjeahn the translate whereof comes inclosed with the copy of our this dayes Consultation relating thereunto in persuance of which Ramapa and Vincatte will proceed so soon as Presents, Bills, Instructions &ca: can bee finished. Itt doth not seem probable that the Camp will be suddainly settled in anyone Place.

Wee have for a considerable time past had various reports, that a great Army of Morattas were coming to retake Chingie but they dont appear that att the Kings Camp Assid Cawn was in disgrace, that Azumtarra had began a rebellion against his Father that Aurungzeb was grown very crasy and uncapable of Government. But a very intelligent man who came very lately from thence and had occasion to attend the Mogulls Durbar three moths: doth inform that Assid Cawn doth appear to bee

in as great favour and power as ever, and indeed the onely minister of state since the death of Bahadar Cawn that Azumtarra lives att liberty att some distance from the King with an Army but no appearance or discourse there of rebellion or disturbance. That the Mogull doth himself sitt out to do justice daily once or twice a day and once a week rides a Horseback to the Mosque and if this bee true we have no reason for a present regard or expectation of alterations in the Empire.

This night Letters will bee sent to Amerjeahn and if anything of importance happens with you, you may write him either in Persian if it ought to be shown, or in gentue. Wee are

Yo^r: affect: freinds

NATH^ll: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^d: TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

N°: 1. Generall Letter dated 28th March 98.
2. Copy of Fort S^t: George Consultation 28th March 1698.
3. Copy of Translate of a Letter from Amerjeahn.

No. 45.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 29TH MARCH '98.

To M^r. SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF &C^A:
COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

Our last was 25th: Instant by boat copy whereof comes inclosed. Wee have received advices from Amerjeahn that he hath made some progresse in a treaty with the Nabob, but the issue remaines yet uncertain. ℘ Ship Simon.

The R^t. Honble: Company having wrote, that it is in vain to spend much money upon Vizagapatam unlesse a gra[nt] could bee obtained for a Fortification, and you writing that it is impossible to expect a grant of Permission, wee think itt is vain for you to goe on with and spend money upon a Fortification till such a grant can bee obtained as the R^t. Honble: Company requires. you have a Lease of Vizagapatam, when that termes expires it is in the Seerlascars choice whether he will continue it, and upon what termes. There will bee a constant trouble and Charge upon renewall of the Lease, and upon change of the Seerlascar as you have already found on Rustundells succession.

Wee shall pay M^r: Chardine the freight of Goods sent by Ship Simon.

Inclosed is the List of Souldiers sent by that Ship and their Pay.

Wee cannot send a Chyrurgeon at present being oblig'd to send one to Bengall.

Itt will not be convenient that M^r. Morrice continue in the R. Honble Comp^s: service after the committing such an extravagant Folly, unless you bee fully satisfied in his reformation, or he was forced away by the Souldiers.

Inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Lading for one Candy 16 maunds of Cotton. amount Pag^s: [*lacuna*] for embaling.

You may permit Mrs. Ramsden to make a Voyage to Bengall to look after her businesse. Wee are

Your very Loving Freinds
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWd: TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

No. 1. Generall Lettr: dated 29th March 98.
2. Copy of a Generall datd: 25th Ditto.
3. List of Souldiers.
4. Invoice of cotton ℘ Ship Simon.
5. Bill of Lading for Ditto.
6. List of the Pacquett.

No. 46.

FORT ST: GEORGE 1ST: APRIL 1698.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDT: OF FORT ST: GEORGE & GOVR:
OF FORT ST DAVID &cA COUNCILL ATT FFORT ST DAVID.

On the 28th: past wee advised you our resolution of sending Ramapa and Vincatte to the Camp to join with Amerjeahn and had prepared the necessary.

But upon further consideration wee have thought itt best to leave the management of the Camp business to Amerjeahn, & have hopes he will do it effectually. Vincatte is therefore order'd to returne to you, and if occasion require hereafter hee may proceed from Fort St: David.

While Amerjeahn continues there cause 6 or 10: baskets of Grapes to bee sent to him once or twice a week for the Nabob, Wootamchund &ca:

Inclosed are Copies of two Letters received on 30th: and 31st: past from Amerjeahn and of our this day's Consultation and Letter to Amerjeahn.

The Mary Buoyer brought us your Letter of 26th past with Invoice and bill of Lading for 14 Bales. Wee are

Yor: affect: freinds
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

No: 1. Generall Letter dated 1st: April 1698.
2. Copy of a consultation 1st: April 98.
3. Copy of two Letters received from Amerjeahn 30th: & 31st past and of the Lieutenant Genlls: Letter to Do datd: 31st past.

No. 47.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE 5TH APRIL 1698.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM HATSELL

PRESID^{T}: FORT S^{T}: GEORGE & GOVERN^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

I have just now received this inclosed Letter from Amerjeahn and hasten to send it you, because tho' I am apt to thinke itt is no more then an Artifice to heighten the Piscash yet itt containes matter of Caution. I am

Eight a Clock at night.

Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: affect; freind

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.

No. 48.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 7TH: APRIL 1698.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM HATSELL

PRESID^{T}: OF FORT S^{T} GEORGE AND GOV^{R}:

OF FOR^{T} S^{T}: DAVID &C^{A}: COUNCILL AT FORT S^{T}: DAVID.

On the 5th: Instant the Lieutenant Generall sent you the Translate of a Letter from Amerjeahn. On the 2^{d} Ins^{t}: wee received yours of the 30th: past, and on the 4th: y^{rs}: of 2^{d}: Instant, and this day yours of 5th: Instant with the severall papers and translates of Letters which have passed between you and Seilim Cawn. By which it doth appear as you write, that Seilim Cawn has a mind to gett something under your Hands which may amount to a discharge and his last Letter is meer wheedle, wherein he doth not promise satisfaction (as is expressed in your Translate) but onely promisses freindship for the time to come, if you will bee freinds and by his freindship make amends.

There is no doubt but the Horses should [be] deliver'd to such as deliver you the Elephants and we wish you rid of them.

Wee shall pay your Bill Pag^{s} 500: to M^{r}: Chardine when demanded.

The Copyes of the Letters from and to Seilim Cawn will bee sent too [*sic*] night to Amerjeahn with a Letter Coppy whereof, and of two Letters last wrote to him come inclos'd.

Ship Sedgwick arrived the 6th: Instant from Anjenga and brought a Generall to Fort S^{t}: David, which comes inclosed, with a narrative concerning Kidd the Pirates proceeding's on that Coast, which if coppyed will come herewith or by the next. The Sedgwick as going was persued three dayes and 3 nights by Kidd, being calme weather, and Kidd outrowing her she narrowly escaped by favour of a Breeze of wind in which she out sailed Kidd, but was taken in her returne near Cape Comorine by Chivers a Dutchman in the Algerine Gally of 250: tons 150 men and 28 Guns and 24: Oars after 9 houres persuit with sails and Oars. But the Cargo not proving for their turne, and the Capt: giving the Company a bow'l of punch they lett her go in a good humour taking only sailes Cordage, cable &c^{a}: Stores.

M^{r}. Vicessimus Griffith doth alledge that the money for which Tominas conocoples house sold for ought to be brought to his Credit, being the Honble: Companys debt. Lett us know how much it amounted to and how itt hath been or ought to bee disposed. Wee are

Your affect freinds,

NATT: HIGGINSON.

JOHN STYLEMAN.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

ROGER BRADDYLL.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON.

EDW^{D}: TREDCROFT.

No. 49.

FORT S^T: GEORGE, 9TH: APRIL 1698.

To M^R: SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF
&C^A: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

℔ Peon. Our last was 29th: ℔ Ship Simon last night wee received yours dated 22 : Ditto by Peons advising Rustindills design of sending an Army against you, and your intentions of defending the Factory, and desiring a supply of men, armes, Amunition and Ships.

By the next Ship that sailes from hence for Vizagap^m: (which wee are informed will bee in few dayes) we design a more full answer, and now returne the Peons to acquaint you that the treaty with our Nabob is not yet finished and wee do not know the issue, tho' wee have reason to hope from what doth yet appear, that he designes (for money) to putt an end to the Fort S^t: David trouble, and to grant the desired Perwannas, and wee are willing to think that Rustundills proceeding are not really grounded on advice from the Nabob, but rather on the accustomary demands which new Seerlascars impose on the Country renters. But whatever his demands are or the grounds of his offence, if he shall send a force against you, which will necessitate you either to deliver the Place, and yourselves into their power, or to defend yourselves by Hostility ; rather then Enter into an hostile engagement with his Army acquaint them that you are ordered not to fight but to quitt the place, and if they [will] give you leave to carry away your goods [. . .] will goe quietly aboard Ship and accordingly [. . .] all either to Bengall or this Place as the winds [favour].

And that you may not bee impeeded [in your retreat] cause the Goods and necessaryes of the Factory to be first aboard, before you give the notice after which if they sho^d endeavour to stop you, you may the more easily gett aboard when you have nothing but your Persons to carry off.

Wee have no ship here fitt for your service, but if Mr. Holcombe can spare one or two of his Ships for such time as the Factory shall have occasion, wee will allow him a sufficient Hire, as much as he can in reason desire. Wee cannot spare any men from this Garrison. We are

Your Loving friends

NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^D: TREDCROFT.

No. 50.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 9TH APRIL 1698.

TO THE HON^BLE: WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDENT OF FORT S^T: GEORGE AND
GOVERN^R: OF FORT S^T: DAVID.

Our last was the 7th Instant. This inclosed Copy of a Letter received last night from Vizagapaam dated 22^d March. Upon the first notice of Seilim Cawnes attempt on Cuddalore wee advised Vizagapatam y^t: they might provide for their security and because we did not know the consequence and issue, if it should prove a Breach with the Moors, wee ordered them also to keep themselves in a readyness for with drawing if occasion should require. Now by the inclosed they apprehend themselves in danger of being attacked by a great force, by order of the new Seerlascar Rustundill upon the account of the fight att Cuddalore whether [this] be the true

reason or no, or Zulphaker Cawnes advice (with whom he holds Correspondence) wee cannot tell but if Rustundill shall beseidge Vizagapatam, & there shall follow acts of Hostility on our part, tho' merely defensive, there is great reason to apprehend notwithstanding the present treaty with the Nabob for Perwanna, that Fort S^{t}: George and Fort S^{t}.: David & probable Bengall will bee involved in the same quarrell, and we cannot foresee how farr the Nabob will proceed against us, there being no moratta army to divert him.

It behoves us to consider whether in case of such Extremity wee shall bee able to defend Four Forts.—Fort S^{t}: George, Fort S^{t}: David, and Vizagapatam and Bengall, and whether wee ought not to withdraw some for the preservation of the rest & w^{ch}: to withdraw and which to defend. The Agent & Councill of Bengall have advised the R^{t}: Honble: Company in their Letter by the Sidney that they are strong enough to defend themselves against any Country Force. From Vizagapatam they now write for Ships and men. But we have no ship nor can spare men.

We desire your Hon^{r}: to consider this Question [and] give us your opinion so soon as you can conveniently, there being a Ship bound thither in six or seven dayes. By which wee intend an answer to this Letter.

There is an advice from Anjengo that the Chambers frigat is employed this year in the convoy of the Mocha Fleet and possibly Rustundills quarrell will pro[. . .] but the accustomary demands which new Se[. . .] make upon the Country renters, upon acco[. . .] the sea Ports rented by Mr. Holcomb [. . .] know the Counsells and designes of the [. . .] thinke it best to take the most prud[ent . . .] secureing the main chance. Wee are

Yo^{r}: Hon^{rs}: very affect: friends

NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^{D}: TREDCROFT.

No. 51.

FORT S^{T} GEORGE 9TH APRIL 1698.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM HATSELL,
PRESIDENT OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE &
GOVERN^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}: DAVID &C^{A}: COUN^{LL}:
OF FORT ST: DAVID.

Wee this day received your's of 7th: with copy of President Hatsells Letter to Amerjeahn to whom you will find such directions given in the Coppyes sent you the 7th: Instant, as you advise. Wee are

YOUR affect: friends.
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

N°. 1. Generall Letter dated the 9:th April 1698.
2. Pacquett to President Hatsell.
3. Narrative of Kidd the Pirates proceedings.
4. List of the Pacquet.

No. 52.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 12TH APRIL 1698.

TO M^R. SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF
&C^A: COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

℔ Boat. The foregoing is copy of our last sent by your returned Peons by boat, This comes by Ship Simon, of whose Suddain departure not being advised wee deferr sending the amunition you wrote for to the next opportunity which wee are advised will bee in three dayes. Wee are

Your Loving freinds
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^D: TREDCROFT.

No. 53.

FORT S^T; GEORGE 14TH APRIL 1698.

TO M^R. SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF
&C^A COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

℔ Anne. On the 12th: Instant by Ship Simon wee sent you the Copy of our Letter of 9th Instant in answer to yours of 22^d. past, concerning your withdrawing. Whereunto wee referr you and to the inclosed copy of our this day's Consultation, wherein you will find what wee have resolved and the reasons.

Wee have sent you by this Ship some Arm's powder &c^a: which if not agreable to your wants, they are such as wee guessed att by the remaines of y^r: Factory in April last, and the supplyes sent since. But wee can spare no men from this Garrison.

Bee carefull of your flints for we have but a small store and know not where to get more.

Wee are

Yo^r: Loving freinds
NATT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^D: TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

N^o: 1. Generall Letter dated 14th: April 98.
2. Copy of a Consultation D^o: date.
3. Invoice of what stores &c^a sent ℔ Ship Anne.
4. Bill of Lading for Ditto.

No. 54.

TO AMERJEAHN ATT ZULPHAKER CAWN'S
CAMP DATED 19TH APRIL 1698.

I received your Letter of 16th. this day, and on Sunday your's of 14th. which I have perused and four more which I received last week all which being written in Armenian, I could not understand them till interpreted by Coja Gregoria, who sometimes is very full of business which is the reason I could not answer you so soon as I would.

I perceive you meet with a great deal of trouble and that the people do not keep their words. You formerly thought Wootema Chund was contented with 12000: Rupees for the Nabob but now demands 7000 : Pag[s] : and will not bee content with 20000 : rupees, formerly you wrote 1500 : rupees to the Duan, now it must bee a quarterpart of what is given to the Nabob; & besides these nobody knowes what to the Buxee, Wallanavee Connago, Wootamachund, Emam Cooley, and Durbar charges. I think all this will Amount to 40000 . rup[s] : you write that it will cost a yeares revenue of those Townes, but I think it will bee more then 10 yeares revenues, now the Townes are ruined. That Place have already cost a great sum̃e for the purchase and yearly eharges. And now to throw away such great sum̃s it will cost more then it is worth, or ever will be and I cannot answer it to the R[t] Hon[ble]Company. I have therefore resolved with the Councill not to exceed 20000 : rupees in the whole (nor would I spend a quarter part of that, unless you can get good and firm Perwannas such as will secure our possession and prevent further trouble) but I hope you will bee able to get the business done for less.

I formerly wrote you to advise how much wo[d] : satisfie the Nabob Wootamachund &c[a] and I would send the money. You answer in all your Letters that you have not agreed and sometimes you write that I must not send the money till agreed. Now you write for the money but I don't know how much nor whether you will ag[ree] or no. It may bee their demands att last will be so unreasonable that I cannot comply and then I [must] trust to gods providence and referr all things to [the] Mogull and the Company, between whom there is an agreement for the convoy of their Mocha Fleet. But I am very willing to prevent quarrell, and desire all things may bee settled and accommodated if it can bee done for the sum̃e before limited, and shall alwayes acknowledge your good service, I beleive to your Credit & advantage.

I cannot give you directions what sum̃s must be given to the Nabob and each of the rest. You must conce[rn] that as well as you can, and if you find you can make an Agreement for 20000 : rupees in all go on, and make an end, taking great care that the Perwannas for the Tevenapatam Townes and the rest bee worded right, and without such deceitfull words as will give us trouble hereafter, and to prevent those Townes being Entred into the Kings account of the Chingie Countrey which doth probably depend on the Duan and Connago and therefore they must bee gratified as you rightly advise and I perceive allso you don't intend to part with the money till you are sure of the Perwannas, so that I need not inlarge, I know you will do every thing well.

I have wrote to Governour Hatsell to send you an account of Losses.

I observe the many discourses you have had with the Nabob, Wootamachund and Emam Cooley, and the good answers you gave them, and depend upon you for advice, if you find any private ill designe.

In your Letter of the 12th: you write about a Silver Chest all your other Letters are translated to me a Gold Chest, and it is making as soon as it is done I will send it.

The spye Braminyes allowance is increased.

I have sent two Cases of white spectacles for Emam Cooley, pray present my service to him and tell him they are the best I can gett, and cannot get any green ones, but what are broken and unfitt. I will send you them whenever I can get them.

I have sent a letter to the Nabob and inclose a copy that you may deliver it or not, as you find cause. Also draught of a Perwanna desired for Tegnapatam Townes besides which you must get another Perwanna for Seilim Cawnes, restoring althings plundered. As for the Nabobs generall Perwanna for all the Companys business to go on according to Sallabad in all parts within his Government and for the broken ships. You have the Coppyes of them what need I write more.

Seilim Cawn having committed such an outrage upon us att Tevenapatam and finding so great a difficulty and delay in procuring satisfaction, I fear others will bee encouraged to doe the like in other places. I have therefore ten dayes agoe sent order to the Cheif of Vizagapatam to withdraw that factory, and come all away to

Madrass or Bengall, according as the winds favours and if the Kings Officers go on to impose upon us unreasonably I must withdraw all, for tho' I love to live in Peace and quietness, yet cannot live in disgrace.

I send you a Bill for 3000: Pagodas as you advise me I will send more, tho' it is hard I should pay so much money who have reason to demand a Lack of Pagodas of Seilim Cawn.

I have sent two Letters to the Nabob the Copyes are inclosed by which you will understand whether [. . .] or which of them is fitt to deliver. The Larger Letter [con]cerns Seilim Cawn, and may please the Nabob, if he [does] not approve Seilim Cawnes Actions.

If you find the Nabob will not make a bargain for the Phirmaund, go on without itt.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

No. 55.

TO NABOB ZULPHAKER CAWN. APRIL 19TH: 1698.

After the Conquest of Chingie I hoped your Excell^{cy}: would have continued the Tegnapatam Townes to the English Company which they have enjoyed Peaceably so many yeares. But Seilim Cawn hath plundered and ruined them. I have complained to your Excell^{cy} for justice and requested your Perwanna for preventing the like trouble hereafter. If your Excell^{y}: refuse to [hear] to whom shall I complain, or what can I do, I cannot carry on the R^{t}: Honble: Companys business under [such] disgrace, for when the Kings officers in other [parts] hear what Seilim Cawn hath done, and that I cannot get satisfaction, they will bee incouraged [and] abuse us everywhere to prevent which I am forced to withdraw Vizagapat^{m}: Factory altho' you granted your Perwanna.

The English Company are merchants known to the King, and it is well known wee have done the King service and therefore may justly expect rewards but instead of reward to bee robed, plundered and ruined how will that looke? I pray your Excell^{y}: to take these things into your serious Consideration, and grant such Perwannas as are necessary for prevention of future troubles, and that the Companys business may go an according to Sallabad what can I write more, but wishing your Excell^{y}: long life and prosperity that you may bee the protector of the Innocent.

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.

No. 56.

NABOB ZULPHAKER CAWNE. FORT S^{T}. GEORGE, 19TH: APRIL 1698.

Amerjeahn acquaints me with the many favours your Excell^{y}: showes him, and that you have promissed to grant all necessary Perwannas for settling Tegnapatam Townes, and for the Honble: Campanys business go^{s} on according to Sallabad. He will pay your Nusar. I pray your Excell^{y}: to grant him a speedy dispatch and your Excell^{y}: shall alwayes find me devoted to your service, tho' with the hazard of my life.

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.

No. 57.

DRAUGHT OF A PERWANNA FOR TEGNAPATAM TOWNES.

Bee it known to all Subidars, officers, Phousdars, Ammins &c^{a}: that are or are to bee, belonging to the Chingie Countrey lately conquer'd: That the R^{t}: Honble: English East India Company perchased Tevenapatam and all the ground within a random shott, which they have quietly enjoyed for many yeares, so that it belongs

to them, and no one hath power to itt, or its revenues, which I confirm and allow off, therefore I give this Perwanna that nobody any wayes shall molest or trouble them or their servants or debtors, [either in] buying or selling or in going and coming [. . go on . .] their trade.

No. 58.

FORT S^T : GEORGE, 22^D APRIL 1698.

TO THE HON^BLE LAURENCE PITT
COUNCELLOR EXTRAORDINARY OF IND^A :
AND GOVERN^R : OF NEGAPATAM &C^A :
COAST CHORMANDELL FOR AFFAIRS OF
THE R^T : HON^BLE : NETHERLANDS
EAST INDIA COMP^A. &C^A COUNCILL.

Honble & much respected.

Your letter dat^d. $\frac{24}{[14]}$ Ins^t : wee have received, and are extreamly pleased to find y^t [. . .] Hon^r : &c^a : satisfyed in the transaction relating to [the] Japparra Ship, hoping there will not bee the like [occasion] for befriending one another.

Wee heartily thank your Hon^r : &c^a : for the news you were pleased to communicate with Coppies of Letters relating to six French Ships supposed to appear off Wingerlee Rocks, and concerning the long expected Peace in Europe. Wee had not heard any thing of French Ships and are willing to beleive as your Hon^r : &c^a ; do that itt is a Portuguez mistake nor have wee received any advices either from Europe or Suratt concerning a Peace, tho' such a report hath passed in these parts whereof wee cannot understand the Ground. So soon as we receive credible advices of such an important affair wee shall not fail to communicate the same, hopeing the same from yor. Hon^r &c^a : whom wee commend unto the Divine Protection and remain

Yo^r : Hon^rs &c^a : affect : freinds
& Humble servants.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
EDW^D : TREDCROFT.

No. 59.

FORT S^T : GEORGE, 23^D . APRIL 1698.

TO THE HON^BLE WILL^M. HATSELL
PRESIDENT OF FORT S^T : GEORGE & GOV^R :
OF FORT S^T : DAVID &C^A. COUN^ll.
ATT FORT S^T . DAVID.

Wee have received yours of 11th : 18th 19 & 20th Instant with Translates of severall Letters.

Wee doe not hear nor beleive that Amerjeahn is in Custody tho' it is true y^t he was security for 30000 Rupees for the Junckaneer as you will perceive by his own Letters wherein he intimates that he did it for carrying on the Companys businesse. But wee rather think he was drawn into the inconvenience, by a prospect of gaines tho' itt is true wee have received a considerable advantage here by the removall of Allebux and introduceing another Junckaneer, which was done by Amerjeahns meanes. Yet he never gave us any notice of his engagement till after he had entred into the treaty with the Nabob concerning Tegnapatam.

Wee observe your opinion for pressing Amerjeahn to get the Nabobs Perwanna, and the inconveniences which you find and fear by the delay. You will understand by the Coppyes formerly sent and now inclosed of Letters to and from Amerjeahn what difficultyes and uncertaintyes he meets with from their unreasonable and variable demands, and our Directions to him wherein wee did not think fit to leave itt to him absolutely to contract for what sume he pleased, (for reasons which not be mentioned) but desired him to advise what sume, he could bargain for. To the last Letter hee do's not advise any certain sume but require orders wee have therefore limited him to 20000: rup[s]. in the whole a great sume, and yet as things are [. . . .] to us it seems, that it will cost more, there being severall officers to bee obliged, particularly for prevention of the Entry of the Tegnapatam Townes in the Kings Bookes and wee expect to hear from Amerjeahn again to the same effect. However it was necessary for us to limit a sume to him, that the Charge may be att length reduced to a certainty.

Lett the Points and walls bee repaired as mention'd in yours of the 18th. Instant, as far as is necessary for defence.

Wee shall pay your bill Pag[s] : 100 : mentioned in yo[rs] : of 18th :

Wee have received the Invoice and Bill of Lading 13 bales ℔ Brigantine, and shall give you Credit [for] the Pag[s] : 623. 28. 3.

The Letter from Gussfur Cawn renewing demand of the Townes must proceed from one of these three Causes, either a contrivance of Collebeague himself to draw a Piscash, or done by Gussfur Cawnes to excuse himself from being answerable for so much as Cuddalore &c[a]. were rated at in his allotted Jaggeer, whereof he is now to render an account upon his quitting Chingie Fort to Cawker Cawn, or else the Nabob has ordered it either to enhance his Piscash or to pick a quarrell. Wee don't know which.

Wee therefore think it proper that you give such an answere that they cannot lay hold off to this effect, that you never promissed to deliver the Townes in 15 dayes, that you have wrote to Madrass about their demands, but have not received any orders for delivery.

Amerjeahn presses for a particularly account of the Losses, and for some of the sufferers to bee sent to complain Personally before the Nabob against Seilim Cawn, wee have answered him that the people are not willing to goe, and that wee have wrote to you to send him a Calculate of the Losses, wee thinke, it wo[d] : not bee convenient for the Inhabitants to go, but if you can make a rationall particular calculate of the Losses there can bee no hurt in sending itt to Amerjeahn that he may make use of it if occasion require.

Amerjeahn writes in the Armenian Language & some very long Letters which can be Translated only by Cojee Gregoria, whose indisposition and business frequently occasions delay, and then must be translated from the Persian into English, and the same method in the Letters sent to him, which is the reason you have not had the Copyes of Amerjeahns Letters sooner. We are

yo[r] : affect freinds

NATT : HIGGINSON.

JOHN STYLEMAN.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT : EMPSON.

EDW[D] : TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

N°. 1. Generall Letter dated the 23d: April 1698.

2. Letters received from Amerjeahn Vzt.

Dated 6th: April recd. 10.
12 . . . . 15.
12 . . . . 16.
14 . . . . 17.
16 . . . . 19.
18 . . . . 22.

3 { Copy of a Letter to Amerjeahn dated 19th April 98.
Copys of 2 Letters to the Nabob Ditto date.
Draught of a Perwanna for Terenapatam Townes.
Copy of a Letter to Amirjeahn dated 23d April 98. }

4. Pacquett to President Hatsell.

No. 60.

To THE HONBLE: WILLM. HATSELL PRESIDT.
OF FORT ST: GEORGE AND GOVERNR. OF FORT ST. DAVD.

Wee received your Honrs: Letter of the 11th Instant, and upon due consideration of all circumstances have resolved concerning Vizagapatam as you will understand by the inclosed Copy of our Consultation dated 14. Instant, and wee have sent the same to Vizagapm: on the 20th: Instant. Wee are

Your affect: friends
NATHll: Higginson.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWd: TREDCROFT.

No. 61.

DATD: 23D APRIL 98.

To AMERJEAHN ATT ZULPHAKER CAWNES CAMP.

Last night I received yours of 18th. three dayes since I sent you a full answer to your former Lettrs: which is allso an answer to this with two Letters to the Nabob, and draught of a Perwanna for Tegnapatam Townes and a Bill for 3000: Pags: drawn by Suncca Rama on Nellacunta. I will not pay any money to the Bramine. I ray make an end with Aggala's sons, as Doctr: Browne formerly wrote you. He ought to abate att least halfe of his demand but agree with him for a quarter, halfe, three quarters, as you can and Doctor Brown shall pay it. I have writ to President Hatsell to send a List of plunder, but I perceive the people are not willing to go to the Camp and I am not willing to force them. I need not enlarge till I receive yr answer to my last Letter. I have paid 200: rupees to and now send you 300 rupees by these two Peons whose names are Coope Chitte Paupia & Hodje Hussan.

I send you the Copy of Gussfur Cawnes Letter to Presidt: Hatsell. I don't understand the meaning.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.

No. 62.

FORT ST. GEORGE 2D MAY '98.

TO MR. SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF
&ca COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

On the 28th past wee received yours of 12th Ditto with your Diary. On the 14th: Ditto wee wrote you by ship Anne and sent you the Copy of our resolution in Councill concerning Vizagapatam, and do not find any reason to add or alter, either from the posture of affairs with us or with you, notwithstanding the change of the Seerlascar which you are so well satisfied in, that thereupon you propound an Investment of 50000: Pags: but wee should not adventure to trust any great sume into the Countrey till it doth appear to bee better settled, & lesse subject to alterations in the Government, which have been many in a few months past & it doth appear to us by the Entryes in your Diary that if Rustundill doth continue he will insist upon the putting down of your Guns and walls, and you have no assurance that his successor will not doe so too notwithstanding his supposed freindship, for if the Kings officers shall goe on to represent your Fortification in the same manner to him as they did to Rustundill, he will bee forced to take publick notice of it, especially considering the Draught made which represents the Factory buildings with guns and like a Fort which draught will probably come to the Kings notice.

Wee do not mean that you should for fear of hazards quitt the Factory (wee know all our affairs are at [. all .] times and Places subject to hazards & alterations) But by your advices wee are confirmed in our opinion that yo should put yourselves into a prepared posture for wth drawe and you must withdraw rather then engage yr selves in a hostile quarrell with the Government for defence of a Fort which stands in a Town, for which you have a lease for a very short time, at the expiration whereof they may give it to whom they please.

There is allso a further reason for your withdrawing. The Rt: Honble: Company doe limit a sume for your Factory expences. You say you cannot defray them under three times as much, and neither you nor [. . .] are willing to pay the Overplus. Nor can wee [. . .] advisably to send another Cheif (if any [. . .] take the Factory Charges att the rate limited) who must bee very much to seek in the present intricate circumstances.

Wee therefore repeat the confirmation of our former resolve that if you cannot carry on the Honble: Companys businesse for the limited Charges you must withdraw so soon as you have an opportunity of repairing hither in the meantime retrench the Charges; by dismissing Peons, state &ca and sell Horse for as much as you can gett and get in as many debts and as much Cloth as you can, and lay out no more money on building or repairs.

If neither necessity shall compell you, nor opportunity permitt you to withdraw before December, wee can then order the Tavestock from Bengall to touch att your Port and take all in.

Wee shall want bales for that Ship, and should be very glad to receive 6: or 700: from your Factory, had wee sufficient stock to send you, and rationall assurance that they could bee procured. But wee cannot send you much, and shall send none, till wee receive your answer to our Letter of 14th: Instant, and Consultation inclosed.

There will be no occasion of sending a Chyrurgeon or Mr. Hymmers.

Wee send this by your returned Peons and shall send Coppy by the next sea Conveyance.

Yor: loving freinds

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

No. 63.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 3^D: MAY 1698.

[TO THE] HON^BLE: WILL^M: HATSELL.
[PRESIDENT] OF FORT S^T: GEORGE &
GOVERN^R: OF FORT S^T: DAVID.

Wee have just now received the Translates of two Letters received from Amerjeahn last night, one in Armenian and the other in Jentue. The latter copy whereof Amerjeahn writes that he hath sent you in Jentue, so that wee suppose you will have received it before this. The Letters are large coppyes of the translate will bee sent to-morrow morning. In the meantime we observe to your Honour that tho' wee did in our Letter to Amerjeahn limit him to 20000: Rupees in ye whole expence, yet he now advises that he has concluded with the Nabob to give him 8000: Pag^s: for himself and 2000 Pag^s. more among the other Officers besides w^ch: there will probably bee expended att least 1000: Pag^s. more one way or other. Hee seems positive that the Nabob will not take less and that the Nabob has promissed to deliver all the Perwannas desired.

There are some considerations which plead for the disbursing of the money.

1st. The Nabob's Perwanna will secure us in the ꝑsent peacable possession of Tegnapatam &c^a and if wee doe not close with his proposall and get his Perwannas, there is great reason to fear he will give further trouble both to you and us, & we ought to avoid a publick breach.

2^d. The Dutch being now gone thither will upon our breaking with the Nabob, make him large offers to our prejudice, and it is apparent that he will doe any thing for money.

On the other Hand The Nabob's Perwanna cannot certainly secure us from future troubles from [his suc]cessors, which nothing can do effectually [. . .] Phirmaund and that is not to bee expected [. . .]

2^d. The sume is very large 11000: Pag^s. too much [. . .] given away for an uncertain benefit.

3^d. It will seem very strange to our Honble: Masters that when they have suffered so great a Losse allready for which satisfaction may bee expected and demand'd they should pay so great sume for the quiet possession of their own. And if there were no other Place or affaires in India to bee considered in the consequence of a Publick Quarrell, It were undoubtedly better to defend the Place to the utmost extremity rather then submit to such hard and unjust useage.

Wee desire your Hon^r: to consider these things, and give us your opinion so soon as you can whether we shall order Amerjeahn to proceed in getting ye Nabobs Perwannas upon the Termes proposed. Upon receipt of your answer we will send Amerjeahn a possitive order, and in the meantime answer his Letter, so as not to break off the Treaty.

Amerjeahn is very pressing for the sending of the List of Losses and men to prove the Losses. Wee observe by your Letter to Amerjeahn (sent us with your Generall Letter of 30th past) that you sent him copy of the same List which you sent us which wee think is sufficient because the particulars cannot be proved, nor is it convenient to send the men. Wee are

YO^R; HON^rs: very affect: freinds.

NATH^LL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^D: TREDCROFT.

No. 64.

[To Seilim] Cawn. April 27th : '98.

This Lettr. was omitted to be Entd. in it's due place.

I received your Letter by a Mauldar & spye Bramine, which I don't understand and therefore know not how to give answer. I never heard before that Governour Hatsell was uncivill to any man. I am sure I have been alwayes civill to the kings servants & have reason to expect their freindship, having endeavour'd to deserve it and desire the Continuance of your freindship.

Nath. Higginson.

No. 65.

3d May '98.

To Dawd Cawn.

I received your Letter concerning a Taliar. You may please to understand that there was an Ancient Peddanagu of this Place, who dyed severall yeares agoe. His son hath succeeded in his Place. There was allso one Timapa related to that family who is lately run away into the woods. I know not where he lives or what hee doth. What can I write more of this matter.

Nath. Higginson.

No. 66.

To Amerjeahn att Zulphakr : Cawn's Camp. dated 3d : May 1698.

I received your two Letters dated 28th April, one in Gentue and one in Armenian, by which I understand yt : the Nabob demands 8000 : Pags : for himself and 2000 : Pags. for other Officers, besides which you are sensible there will bee other Charges. This is too great a sume to throw away for uncertain Perwannas; and you know very well I cannot order it without the Councills consent; and I know they will not consent, for they were very unwilling to consent to 20000 : Rupees in all [but I] told them I hoped you would not spend soe much [. . .] consider very well, and try what you can [. . .] an end for 20000 Rupees. I will write [. . .] ly after I have discoursed the Councill.

Nathll : Higginson.

No. 67.

To the Honble : Willm Hatsell President of Fort St : George & Governr of Fort St : David. &ca. Councill. Fort St : George 4th May 1698.

Wee have received yours of 25th ; and 30th; past wth : papers according to List.

Wee have paid your Bill Pags : 700 ; to Capt : Masfen and sent by the Brigantine Bengall Paper and skins as ℔ inclosed Invoice. John Draper came by the Acheen Merchant. Wee have spared so many Guns of the size you write for that wee have but few left. However they shall bee sent you by the first opportunity.

There has been for severall months (& years) severall reports of orders from the King for the Nabobs repairing to him but either the reports are false or the Nabob hath hitherto found means to avoid going.

The Nabob ordered Seilim Cawn to returne to Chellumbrum, but when gott to Arcott called him backe supposed to be design'd to enhance the Presents of the severall Competitors for that Government, Jemsercawn's son and Abdull Nubby and others.

Inclosed is the Translates of two Letters from Amerjeahn and one to him dated 3^{d}: Instant, since which have received none from Amerjeahn. Wee are

Yo^{r}: Affect: freinds

Nath^{ll}: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Edwd: Tredcroft.

No. 68.

To the Honble: Willm: Hatsell
Presid^{t}: of Fort S^{t}: George and
Govern^{r}: of Fort S^{t}: David &c^{a}
Councill.

Fort S^{t}: George 8th: May '98.

Wee this day received yours of 6th Instant upon perusall whereof and your formers of 5th: and 4th: and one from President Hatsell dated the 6th:

Wee have resolved and shall this night dispatch an order to Amerjeahn to comply with the Nabob demands, giving him a liberty for expending 1000: Pag^{s} more if he shall find it necessary.

Wee take notice you have taken two Horsemen Prisoners and keep them in the Fort, and don't remember that you have advised the delivery of the Horses in the first quarrell. It is our opinion that the Prisoners & Horses ought all to bee released, and delivered. Wee cannot see any injury you can receive thereby but apprehend the detaining of them may be used as an argument with the Nabob, to give y^{o} trouble & revenge the disgrace they suffer by their Horses and men being detained Prisoners. Besides wee have no warr with the Mogull, till when we ought not to act the part of Enemyes, further then is necessary for defence wherein wee pray God direct & protect you from evill designes. Wee are

Yo^{r}: affect. freinds

Nath: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.
Edwd: Tredcroft.

List of the Pacquett Vz.^{t}

N° 1. Generall Letter dated 8th May 1698.
2. Master of S^{t}: David Brigantines receipt for a ℘cell pap^{rs} and skins.
3. Paymasters Account of their cost.
4. Copy of Europe news received from Callicutt.

No. 69.

To Amerjeahn att the Nabobs Camp.

On the 2^{d} Instant I received yours of the 28th April, wherein you acquaint me that the Nabob demands 8000: Pag^{s}: for himself and that it would cost 2000: Pag^{s}

more among the other officers. On the 3d I answered you that I could not order the giving away so great a sume without ye Consent of the Councill and that you should try again to get the businesse done for 20000: Rupees in all, since which I have received no Letter from you.

I have discoursed the Councill and they have consent'd to comply with the Nabobs demands. You may therefore proceed and take out the necessary Perwannas, which you ought to receive before you pay the money. You have a draught of a Perwanna desired for Neguapat.m [. . .] get itt agreable to that in the main points tho' with some alteration in the wording, you need not stay so long as to send the draught to me, It will bee convenient that the business bee concluded before the Dutch begin.

If you find in the management of the Durbar that you cannot accomplish all without spending 1000: Pags: more then Pags: 10000: I leave it to you, to act as occasion requires trusting that you will deal faithfully with the Honble: Company.

NATT. HIGGINSON.

No. 70.

TO AMERJEAHN ATT ZULPHAKR CAWNES
[CAMP]

The last letter I received from you was dated the 28th April. In conplyance wherewith I yesterday wrote you, that the Councill had at length consented to your proposall of paying the Nabob 8000 Pag.s and 2000 Pag.s to other officers and allso that you might spend 1000Pa: more if you found it necessary since which I have received none from you But I am advised from Fort St: David that Seilim Cawn is returned from the Camp to his Government at Chellumbrum and that he hath sent his people to burne and plunder as they did before and doth intend to come himself with Ebrahim Cawn Gurry against Cuddalore. It is strange if these things are done against the Nabobs order and if he hath given order, and it bee his resolution to proceed so, we must trust to God to preserve us. However if he will yet grant his Perwanna as before desired and recall Seilim Cawn you may conclude with him. The money shall bee sent you upon your first notice. But should I send it till I know what he intends to doe I may loose it for nothing. Pray consider these things very well and give me your true opinion of the meaning of the Nabobs proceedings and your advice.

President Hatsell hath sent me the draught of the Nabobs Dustick which you sent to him, for Mahmood Hossan beague to demand of Seilim Cawn restitution of the Elephants and Plunder. I am advised it is very well if you can trust the man employed but if you cannot trust him get another man to bee employ'd whom you can trust and you may promise such proportion of what shall bee restored as you think necessary either to him or others, as I formerly wrote you I returne you the Draught.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.

No. 71.

FORT ST: GEORGE 10TH MAY 1698.

TO THE HONBLE LAURENCE PITT COUNCELLOR
EXTRAORDINARY OF INDIA & GOVERNR: OF
NEGAPATM: &CA COAST CHORMANDELL FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE RT: HONBLE: NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY.

Honble Sr:

This day a private English ship arriving from Calicut, brought me some advices from the cheif which he had received from Surat, wherein 'tis confirmed that the

English att Gombroon had received from Aleppo Letters dated 7th October advising the conclusion of the Peace, between the Spaniards, English, Dutch and French.

The Emperour takeing time to consider as your Honr: formerly advised. I have no further account of that matter, but I have the copy of an Intelligence sent from Adrianople to Gombroon dated $\frac{13}{23}$ September, concerning a Battle fought between the Imperial[ists] and the Turk's, copy whereof is inclosed with the confidence that your Honour will not Hold me answerable [for the] truth of every particular as written. The number therein mentioned to bee slain and taken Prisoners being extraordinary tho' the advantage Germans had, make it not impossible. I have no other news worthy your Honrs: notice onely that on the 5th: of August Barcelona was surrendred to the French. So recommending your Honr: unto the Divine Protection I remain

Yor: Honrs: affect: freind
and Humble: Servant
NATH: HIGGINSON.

No. 72.

FORT ST: GEORGE 11TH: MAY 1698.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLM: HATSELL
[PRESIDENT OF FORT] ST: GEORGE AND
[GOVERNOR OF FORT] ST: DAVID [&CA COUNCIL.]

Since our last of the 8th: wee have received none from Amerjeahn. On the 9th: & 10th wee received yours of the 7th & 8th: and sent Amerjeahn the draught of the Dustick being approved. Ebrahim Cawn Gurryes Letter lookes as if he were employed to wheedle for the Nabob and Seilim Cawn too, and that the Nabob will att last put a trick upon us, in causing us to give Seilim Cawn satisfaction instead of receiving it. Wee have urged Amerjeahn to make an end with the Nabob and get his perwannas. But wee cannot help the delay, and don't know the cause of it.

Inclosed is copy of some Europe news received by a Ship from Callicut in private Letters, but wee have no Letters from Bombay or Surat. Wee are.

Your Affect: freinds
NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

No. 73.

13TH MAY 1698.

TO NABOB ZULPHAKR: CAWN.

Nouroos Beague showed me a writing wherein it is demanded that Doctor Brown pay 400 rups: and 4 Gold Mohurs which he had received of Agawla Cawn to fetch Physick because he never sent any, your Excelly: may please to understand that Agawla Cawn wrote to me for a Doctor, because I heard he was one of your officers I sent Doctor Brown to him. Hee spent 3 week's in ye Journey, Aggala Cawn allowed him 10: rupees a day for 7: dayes for the Battee of Palenkeen boyes &ca: & [. . .] him 2000: fanams and 4: Gold Moh[urs . . .] Dr: Browne laid out the greatest pa[. . .] Physick but before he could get [it . Agawla .] Cawn dyed. now if Doctr: Browne rep[ays . . .] he will not onely spend so much time for nothing, but loose the money which he spent in

travelling and laid out in Physick. I pray your Excelly: to order what that bee allowed Dr: Browne for Doctors fees of three weekes attendance for charges of travailing & losse of Physick, and what your Excy: shall then judge due from Dr: Brown will be made good by Amerjeahn. This is a small matter but your Excy: being a great master of Justice will not think much to consider it.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

No. 74.

13TH: MAY 1698.

To EMAM COOLEY.

Two dayes agoe I received your Letter by Nooros beague who brought the Nabobs Dustick concerning money demanded by Agala Cawnes son from Doctor Browne. I have wrote to the Nabob about it and inclose the copy of my Letter to Amerjeahn who will shew it you, and I desire your assistance in doing Doctor Brown right according to reason.

Mr: Yale doth refuse to pay for the Oxen. However will cause him to pay. In the meantime if you will [please] to draw a bill upon me for 596: rupees I will pay it to your order so that you need not give yourself the trouble of procuring the Nabobs Perwanna.

No. 75.

To AMERJEAHN ATT ZULPHAKR:

CAWNES CAMP.

Noroos beague brought me a Letter from Emam Cooley and a Letter from you, and a Dustick from the Nabob [about] Agala Cawnes son's demand of 400: rupees & 4 Gold Moh[urs from .] Dr: Brown. I have wrote a Letter to the Nabob, and [ano]ther to Emam Cooley, which come inclosed with the [C]opyes, by which you will understand I have referr'd [to] the Nabob to judge what part Dr: Browne shall repa[y] and you may pay accordingly and send me an Accot: Dr: Brown did not receive 400: rupees but 2000: Allim[ghur] fanams. Pray use your endeavours that right may bee done to Dr: Browne. Great men doe not use Doctors after this manner. Hereafter I must not trust. Emam Cooley wrote me allso about 596: rupees due to him from Mr: Yale for Oxen. Hee hath refused to pay saying they are not worth halfe the money but I am satisfied they are, and that Emam Cooley dealt very freindly in getting them, and Mr: Yale unworthily in refusing to pay. Lett Emam Cooley send me his receipt or a Bill and I will pay the money, and by Emam Cooley's receipt can compell Mr Yale to repay me. Pray hasten to get the Nabobs Perwanna about Cuddalore &ca.

No. 76.

13TH MAY 1698.

To AMERJEAHN AT ZULPHAKER

CAWNES CAMP.

In Gentue. On the 11th: I received yours of 16th: April, about Dausapa requiring a Present from me by Sallabad. There never was such a Sallabad and I shall not say anything to Dausapa till you come.

You also write Orringgapanague has built a Fort and rob'd 1000: Pags: I never heard any thing of his robbing any body. I hear he made a mud wall in the Woods no more like a Fort then an Egge. He will pull downe these walls before this comes to you, you may [. . .]

I sent Ramapa to Dausapa, [. . .] in getting what money he would [. . .] upon pawn but he wholly waves [. . .] offers to give townes for security [. . .] think may bee taken from them by another renter in a month or two, and therefore they won't meddle wth: Town. There are many people demand money of Dausapa. I wish you get all your money before his time is out.

I send you herewith a Letter in Persia about Mr. Yale and Dr. Browne. I hope the Nabob will order Aggala Cawnes sons not to trouble Dr: Brown any more or at least cause them to take a part of the money pray use your indeavour to do Dr. Brown right. But if they will have the whole I send you a bill for 2000: fans: & 4 Gold mohurs, drawn by Sunca rama on [*lacuna*] receive and pay what they demand.

Yesterday I received your Letter dated the 9th. wherein you write that the Perwannas are all ready & that the Nabob will make them according to the draught desir'd, I suppose you had not heard that Seilim Cawn did on the 6th instant send his people to burne ye: remaining houses in the Cuddalore villages, whereof I gave you an account in my Letter of the 9th Instant and hourly expect to hear from you till when I know not what to write. The Gold Chest will bee sent tomorrow without fail.

NATH: HIGGINSON.

No. 77.

FORT ST: GEORGE 13TH MAY 98.

TO THE RT: WORPll. CHARLES EYRE ESQR: ..
AGENT &CA COUNCILL OF BENGALL.

1. Our last was dated 21st: March ℔ Mary Buoyer which made a Pacquett too large to copy on ye 11th. April wee received your's of the 2d. March ℔ ship Anne [and] on the 15th April yours of 10th March ℔ Acheen Merch[ant] both give such an account of the Tavestocks proceed [. . .] as renders itt very improbable that you will bee [. . .] to send her hither this season, and in failure you [pro] pound to lade her kentilage with 800: Bales, and [fill] her up with Grain, and send her from Bengall by the 10th of September for this Place, which you judge agreeable to our proposall of 17th January, but you will find our Letter upon a reperusall doth not mention any thing of her proceeding hither in the month of September. but between the 1st: & 10th: of December in case she could not bee dispatched for England in the month of August from Ballasore road, wee had two reason for against her coming out of Bengall in September for this place. 1st: Because you could not send the Princess in that time of the year, which was a lesser ship. 2dly: if you send her out from Bengall in the begining of September she will not arrive here till the latter end of that month or the begining of the next and consequently wee shall not have time to unlade 500 Tons of Grain and compleat her Lading with Bales &ca: nor will the Commander have time to make due preparation for such a Voyage, before the monsoon, which wee expect early this year having had none the last, nor any rain or wind since November last for which reasons wee think the Ship ought not to come up hither from Bengall in September, and unless you can yourselves compleat her Lading for England by August you must not send her hither till the latter end of November or the beginning of December. ℔ ship Sedgwick.

2. Wee received your Attestation signed by Messrs: Russell Curgenven and Lloyd concerning the want of 134 rupees found short in Chests No: 1, 18 and 19 [℔ship] Taves[stock] wee return you the copy of an attes[tation] by the Warehousekeeper signed [. . . .] who saw the rupees put into the [. . .] to determine which of the attestation [. . .] false.

3. Wee are not furnished with a sufficient store of Teak Plank and Timber, and itt is now excessive dear, when itt growes Cheaper wee shall supply you.

4. Wee have spared so many Guns to severall places of 1000: to 1500 wt: that wee can spare no more.

5. Wee shall give your Account Credit in the close of our Bookes ending April last for the Debts of John Haynes &ca: as directed by the Auditor Generall.

6. Wee have resolved to send you by the first good conveyance of a two decked Ship 180: Bales of Broad Cloth ordry: and but 10: Bales of Aurora because the price yo: mention of 4 Rups ℔ yard is extreme low, but hope a small quantity may go off better.

7. Wee have received no Letters from Bombay or Surat lately nor any Europe news, but what comes in private Letters, to which wee do not give full Credit and therefore for [. . .] send you.

8. Amerjeahn continueth still att the Nabobs Camp treating for necessary Perwannas for settling Fort St: Davids &ca: and acquaints us frequently with the Nabobs promisses of granting all he desires, but he still delayes and on the 6th: Instant Seilim Cawn, who had been at the Camp confirmed Phousdar of Chellumbrum did in his return from the Camp to his Government send a party of Horse and foot into Fort St: David bounds and burnt and destroyed a great number of houses and did prepare to go himself with all the force he could make in [order] to forme an attack against Cuddalore, but he only [. . .] and passed on to Chellumbrum wee conclude [. . .] as done by the Nabobs private order, but whether [. . .] as designed onely to enhance the Present or to per [. . .] in the delivery of the Townes wee do not yet certainly know, all circumstances considered wee doubt he will not grant such Perwannas as are necessary for prevention of future trouble, and that he will quarrell wth: us att last, so that wee have no reason to retract the caution wee gave you in ours of 26th February. The Nabob continues the seige of Vellore in which hee hath now spent three months.

9. Our last advices from Vizagapatam inform us that Rustundill is displaced and Faquirasab's son of the last Seerlascar is restored to the Government of that Country, in whose freindship the Cheif and Councill of Vizagapatam have a great confidence, wee have ordered them to put themselves in a posture of withdrawing as occasion shall require, and if they shall bee forced to withdraw in the southerly monsoon they will repair to you in Bengall as you will by the inclosed copy of our Consultation dated 14th: past which wee then sent to Vizagapatam, but have received no answer. And in case they shall withdraw to Bengall, wee desire you to observe the Directions given in said Consultation.

10. Wee had no advices from the Rt: Honble: Compa: that gave us cause to think one of Sr: John Chardins Bills for 250£: was sent to Bengall the same being inserted only in the Invoice to Fort St: George. Wee have recd: Pa: 583: 8: of Mr: Daniel Chardin on the 2d: Decemr: in full of Sd Bill.

11. Mrs: Croke is willing to dispose [. . .] her Husband purchased and alle [. . .] great sume of money in improv [. . .] woody land to a good arrable g [. . .] capable of yeilding a considera [ble . . . there] fore hopes that you will be able to get more then she was offered for it immediatly after her Husbands death being 3000: rupees but leaves itt to you to get as much as you can, requesting that will take such reasonable time for the sale as may be necessary for disposing of it to the best advantage.

12. Her request seems to be reasonable, but we don't know what are the express words of the Honble: Compa: orders, and therefore can onely on behalf of a widdow with many Children, desire you to do her what kindness yo: can in the disposall thereof so far as is consistant wth: the Honble: Compa: orders. Inclosed is her order to Henry More for delivery of all the writings relating to the purchase of the Jimedarship to the Agent and Councill. Wee are

Your affect: freinds,

NATHll: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUET.

N: 1. Generall Lettr: datd: 13th: May 98.
2. Copy of Fort St: George consult: datd. 14th April 98.

3. Copy of a Certificate concern^s : rup^s : sent to Bengall ℔ Tavestock.
4. M^rs : Crokes Letter to Harry More.

No. 78.

To Amerjeahn att Zulphak^r : Cawnes Camp. 14th : May 1698.

I this day received your Letter in answer to mine of 8th : Ins^t : wherein I acquainted you that the Councill had consented to the expending of 10000 Pag^s: for the Perwannas, and 1000 Pag^s : more if you saw occasion and desired you to get the Perwannas for Tegnapatam &c^a Townes agreeable to the draught sent you, in the main points, but not to spend time in sending draughts to me, by reason of small differences in the wording. Now you send me a draught which agrees with that I sent you, onely leaving out [. . .]tion of the Fort and Townes being bought and [. . .] desire my answer. I approve your reasons and [appr]ove the Draught you have now sent. and desire [you] to gett the Perwannas finished, and if there shall bee any further scruple made about words do not contend, onely secure the main points which you fully understand, and don't send me any more Draughts to peruse but make an end, gett the Nabobs Perwannas and cause due Entryes to bee made in the Duan's & Connago's Bookes, and with the Waccanaveez, and with any other officer that is necessary for prevention of further trouble. In Jentue.

While you write that the Nabob and Wootamachund promise Perwannas, and give you fair words ; Seilim Cawn goes on in doing mischeif att Tegnapatam (as advised this day from President Hatsell) which makes me suspect he acts by the Nabobs orders. Otherwise how dares he Act so. Now if the Nabob do's grant his Perwannas upon your next request it is well, if not, what can I think, but that he gives you, and me fair words, and designes something more than yet appeares. Pray consider these things very well and give me your reall opinion all inquire well what is the design of sending Gussfur Cawn from the Camp.

The gold Chest will bee sent away this night, or to-morrow night att furthest, and on Monday I will send you Bills for 7000 : Pag^s : or if I cannot gett bills then for so much, I will send you bills for the rest in a day or two as soon as I can get them, unlesse I shall receive any Letters from you, in the mean time to forbid me.

Nath^ll : Higginson.

No. 79.

Fort [St. George 17th May 1698.]

To the Worp^ll : Matt : Mildmay Esqr :
Dep^ty : Govern^r : &c^a . Councill
att York Fort.

1. On the 17th : January last wee received yours of 9th. Octo^r ℔ ship Wellcome on the 5th : March yours of 19th January last ℔ ship Olive branch. On the 6th : March yours of 26th . October '96 which you sent by M^r : Ramsden & came hither via Acheen ℔ ship Nonsuch together with severall bookes and Papers according to the Lists of the respective Pacquetts. & Ship Anne.

2. Our last Letter to you was dated the 29th : October by the Dolphin the receipt whereof you acknowledge, since which we have had no oppertunity of sending to y^o : your last letter ℔ Olive branch gave us reason to expect the returne of the Dolphin but her long stay makes us suspect she is detained by some accident and have resolved to send you by a country ship if the Dolphin shall not arrive by the 20th : Instant.

3. The advice you give us in yours of 19th : January of your dispatching ship Amity with her full [lading and in due time is very acceptable, and shall Creditt, your account for her Invoice amount to Dollars 9393 : 3 : allso your dispatching of the Madrass Frigatt full Laden will bee very satisfactory to the Honble Company.

4. You must bee very carefull to prevent the progress of Pangran Jantanalle's design in conjunction with the Sultan of Bantam whose Slavish subjection to the Dutch gives just ground of suspition, that those quarrells are fomented and carried on by their direction, and may bee of dangerous consequence if [. . .] stopped in time.

5. Since the Olive branch could not proceed for Bengall [. . .] time designed you did well to send her hither she [is all] together unfitt for service without extraordinary [. . .] and therefore we have hawled her ashore and broke her up.

6. Wee doubt you have sent rather too much Benjamin by the Amity and the Madrass unless it proves extraordinary white, therefore send no more till wee shall receive farther directions from the R^t: Honble Company, but continue to provide and send home 10: or 20 Pecull of Dragons blood yearly, if good and clean be procurable, till forbid and as many Pecull of Quill Cassialignum if procureable of the best fine sort which turns into little rolls little bigger then a goose quill, and if in buying a parcell you shall receive any gross thick peices you must not send them home, but seperate them from the fine and sell them for what you can get.

7. Wee observe the consideration you have of makeing York Fort a markett for Pepper and Cloth & the good reason you give why the inhabitants of Catton[e] and Sablatt will not bring [. . .] to Bencoolen Viz^t: because they have no prows of their own, nor are used to the sea the pepper of those pla[ces] connot bee secured, but by one of these two methods y^o: propound either by settling a Paggar in each river, or by compelling the Noquedahs to bring the pepper they buy there to Bencoolen att Bencoolen price, to settle Paggars among such unquiet and troublesome people will undoubtedly require a greater number of men then you can spare, and will consequent[ly] bee very chargeable, but if the Noqucdahs could be [. . .] to bring all the pepper which the [. . .] rivers to York Fort, itt would [. . .] 2: or 3: Dollars in a bahar, [. . .] if you had Paggars, some may bee [. . .] will not answer the end, but if they [. . .] liged with their Proffitt they will willingly comply. Their Proffit will consist in the price they will receive for their pepper and the cheapness of those goods they can buy, if you do not pay them so much for their Pepper as they used to receive att Bantam, yet if you can supply them with the same goods as they buy att Bantam and as much cheaper their Proffitt will bee the same, and they will rather chuse to make a short then a long a voyage.

8. You make a considerable objection w^ch: discourages the Noquedahes from trading att Bencoolen Vz^t: That there they can gett onely cloth, but at Java they can gett severall other commodityes more proper for the Natives of Cattown and Sabblatt by which they gett an advantage if you had now given us a ꝑticular Account of the goods which they usually import from Java the quantityes and cost at Java wee would now have sent you what procureable and if wee can furnish you with the same sorts from hence, so as that you can afford them as cheap they can buy at Java, itt will undoubtedly induce them to drive a great trade to Bencoolen, Pray consider this Point very well and give us your answer.

9. It may bee thought that it may bee better for the R^t: Honble: Company to mannage the whole trade, buy all the Pepper directly from the Natives and to furnish them with all those sorts of goods which they are [su]pplyed with from Java by the Noquedahs, and were [the p]eople of those parts quiett among themselves, & [. . .] in a good inclination to the Company so y^t [they m]ight trust a Paggar with one Englishman, and [. . .] 4 Topazes and Buggesses itt would bee undoubtedly the best method, but the charge of defending a Paggar with a great Company of Souldiers would so much over ballance the Proffitt of buying of Pepper, and selling of goods that it seems better to prosecute the other method of incouraging the Noquedahs till those parts are reduced to a better temper, but wee do not possitively direct either one or the other, wee only give you our opinions and reasons and leave you to Act as you shall find most agreable to present circumstances.

10. You did well to send Thomas Pritchard and the two Topasses, whereof one dyed in the passage. There is one John Rodriguez who went over by the Dolphin or Olive Branch whose freinds doe earnestly beg his returne. Lett him come by the first.

11. Wee have accepted and paid your severall bills [for] 400 : Dollars mentioned in your Generall Letter of the 19th : January, and 3365 : dollars in Letter 9th : Octr : last.

12. The Dollars sent by the Madrass Frigatt were such wee could then gett. Wee depended with great reason on a supply of Dollars from Manilha but one Ship lost her passage, another came by way of Macoa, and another came directly, but neither of them brought a dollar, nor is there 1000 : dollars to bee bought in ys : Place if wee would give a Pagoda for a Dollar.

13. In yours of 9th : October last by ship [. . . Welc]ome, [. . .] the arrivall of the Bencoolen yat [ch . . .] she proves serviceable.

14. Wee have received the two Pacq[uetts . . .]from the Rt ; Honble ; Company by Ship A[mity] for Fort St : George and Bengall. Lett the four Bales of fine Broadcloth, and 4 chests of Flintware bee sent us by the first good opportunity. But unless you have a prospect of sending them suddainly hither, you may send them by this Ship for Bengall consigned to the Agent & Councill (with the copy of the inclosed Invoice which wee received from the Rt : Honble ; Company) if the Ship proves good & tite & the master bee satisfyed to take them in.

15. Wee do not approve of William Murrine's continuing a Factor in the Rt ; Honble : Companys service, because he is a Foreigner. Lett him be discharged.

16. If Mr: Coote and Smalridge are really becom sober and dilligent men, lett them continue, but when they prove otherwise, dismisse them and send them hither.

28th : May 1698.

17. [On the] 25th : Instant ship Dolphin arrived & brought us your Generall Letter dated 17 ; & 28th ; March last with Papers according to List. Wee shall give your account due Credit for the Amot : of the Cargoes sent to England by Madrass friggat and Amity, and hither by the Olive Branch and Dolphin.

18. Wee are very glad to hear that you have such a quantity of Pepper as 600 : bahars in your Godownes & the Rajahs hands, after you had sent so much to England, and hither, and spared to countreyships, and the Interloper which doth Amount to about 1500 : bahars in ye ; compass of one year and that [you] are in hopes of 2,000 : bahars this year. Allso that [. . .]Dagons of Sablatt and Cattown have sent in their [commi]sion to the Rt : Honble : Company and the Sultans [. . .]not and Addill and the Emperour a writeing [. . .] his seal and oath for quitting the Government, as appears particularly in the [P]ryamong Dyaries in February last which gives a good prospect of an intire settlement of the Countrey under one Government. Tho' there is one circumstance in that writing signed by the Emperour which do's not look well, Vzt: That it is directed to Sultan Guilimot, Raja Macoota and Raja Inooda, and there is no mention of Raja Addill, which showes either that Raja Addill is a freind of the Emperours, or the Emperour designes by the omission of his name to create a difference between him and Sultan Guilimot &ca wch: you upon the Place can best judge.

19. The Countrey being thus settled and such plenty of Pepper, It is a great trouble to us, that your stock is so low, and it is not in our power to supply you with Dollars to enable you to purchase it and the rather because you acquaint us that there lyes 700 : bahars in the Rivers of Sablatt and Cattowne, which you have stoped the Dagons from exporting and to hinder the Countrey from selling to others, and yet not to buy it yourselves will bee a real injury to the Natives and give them just occasion of complaint and discontent.

20. But so it is that wee have no prospect of supplying you with Dollars from hence till a Ship do's arrive us from England, before which wee hope you [will bee] supplyed by a ship which the Rt: Honble Company [. . .] they will send directly

to York Fort [. . .] the meantime wee send you 50: [. . .] stores (all procurable according [. . .] Countrey ship the Anne Capt: [. . .] on freight as by the Inclosed [invoice and bill] of Lading.

21. Besides which there goes by this ship as we are informed 30 : or 40 : Bales or chests of Bengall and coast Goods on private accounts which wee suppose will be consigned mostly to some of yourselves. The retur [ne] whereof wee thinke cannot bee made otherwise then by bills, which you may draw upon us for 5000 : or 10000 Dollars if occasion require. And this is all the provision wee can make for you till the Dolphin shall returne by whom shall bee sent you Dollars if procurable, and other goods & stores, probably from Bengall.

22. There have been many parcells of Goods bought att York Fort and [P]ryamong of private ships for the Honble: Companys account, and Bills drawn upon us for their Amount, bywhich method the failure of ye [stock] hath been supplyed, and the trade of the Place accommodated and incouraged but some parcells have been bought very dear and ill accounted for concerning which wee would have you observe the following rules.

1. Buy not but when you have a real occasion for the supply of stocke.

2. Buy none but such as are proper for the marketts that they may not lye long upon your Hands, & damage.

3. Buy att such rates as will afford a reasonable Proffit without enhancing the ordinary retaile price.

Lett the Bargains bee made in Consultation, and the occasion and terms particularly and truely Entred, that the Rt Honble: Company may be satisfyed that a private Interest is not consulted to ye: prejudice of theirs.

23. You did very well in permitting Mr. Everall to come hither for recovery of his health. As to Mr. Frith we have not had time to make due inspection into his Accounts and Actions.

24. By Ship Wellcome wee received a Generall Letter from Mr. Darley Cheif &ca att [P]ryamong dated 20th: Novemr: 1697 wherein they give a particular answer to our Letter to [P]ryamong dated 25th: May 1697 : and an intelligent account of the state of the Countrey and wee would have the Cheif and Councill continue to give us their opinions in like manner, as occasion requires, especially when opportunity offers for sending from thence, and you have not an opportunity of sending from York Fort.

25. They propound as the most effectuall meanes to prevent the Jealousyes and misunderstandings which have been fomented by the old Emperour, and his freind between Raja Addill and Raja Macoota, that they and Sultan Guilimot and the Queen live alltogether att Manduta, and that the Cheif &ca: att [P]ryamong doe remove thither. We should very well approve of their living altogether in the same place where the Cheife resides, and recommend it to you to endeavour their liveing together att [P]ryamong but cannot approve of the Cheifs quitting [P]ryamong and residing att [Man]duta, because Manduta is so far from Bengall [. . .] you cannot maintain due correspon[dence] att so [great] a distance and is too large a[. . .] you had more souldiers, and they [. . .] If you can but secure all the Pe[pper . . .] to Syllabar itt will bee sufficie[nt . . .]

26. They write they are in hopes to draw the Ca[rinth] trade to Manduta, and by that meanes to procure [the] Cassia, but you must endeavour to bring it to [P]ryamong. They allso write that Cotton is procurable att Ippu att 6 : or 8 : Dollars ℔ Bahar. If it bee clean you cannot send us too much att that price. If foul send a Bahar or two for a tryall that wee may see how it will come out when clean'd. If a quantity can bee procured clean and well packed it will bee a good commodity to fill up a ship in failure of Pepper.

27. Wee approve Mr. Barwick Salwayes stay, as mentioned in the [P]ryamong Dyary 26th : November last.

28. If Mr. Darley doe continue his resolution of returning, lett him come by such conveighance as hee shall choose, but wee hope he will find encouragemt: to stay being satisfyed he hath done the Rt: Honble: Compa: [faithfull] and good

service, particularly in bringing up the Accounts as appears by the Coppies of the [P]ryamong Accounts received by the Wellcome.

29. Wee have paid the Bill of Dollars 560: drawn by [P]ryamong payable to Capt: Phrip.

30. Since our last to you there hath arrived no ship from England but the Tavestock Capt: Samuell Jones Commander 750: Tons who imported here on 21st: Novemr: last and brought us a generall Letter from the Rt: Honble: Company dated 16th: April 1697. The 28th: Par: relating to your Factory the Copy whereof comes inclosed with [their] Generall to York Fort of the same date, both [. . . .] do very strictly injoin the keeping of a store of [. . . . . tons] of Pepper for the quick Lading of an Europe [ship . . .] is allso injoined in their Generall Letters to Yorke [Fort] dated the 8th: and 21th: December last which yo: received by the Amity and yet in your Letter of 28th: March you advise of spareing Ketch success att Ippue 50: bahar of pepr: (under a Bond which was well considered) thô Yor: Letter of 17th: adviseth that you had then but 80: bahr: in the Godowne.

31. There are two reasons given for it in your Consultation of 14th: March last Vzt: none of the Rt: Honble: Companys ships expected before the new crop come in and there was occasion for a present receiving of that Pepper to encourage the Coming down of more from Manduta. Wee are willing allso to add to another reason gathered from your Letters That there was 500 bahar in the adjacent Rajas Countreys; besides 400 bahar embargoed in the rivers of Cattown and Sabblat and that you had not above 400 Dollars fitt to buy pepper with. The Rt: Honble: Compas: order is very plain and possitive (and grounded on important reason) [not] to spare any pepper to any Persons whatsoever, untill you have 200: tons (or about 700: bahar) in your Godown to bee reserved as a store for the quick Lading of their own ships, and none of that store to bee spared to any use but their own. And therefore the expecting of a new [crop] or the lying of 1000: bahar in severall parts of the [Countrey] was no reason for spareing itt because you had not 200: tons in the Godownes. But if it were really true that there was a present necessity for receiving [. . .] you had no other opportunity of fetching [. . . Ben] coolen or if you have not money [. . .] if you are in absolute necessity . .] Charges, and cannot possibly pr [. . .] in such cases the reason appear [. . .] to bee reall, wherein you ought to [. . .] and not pretend necessity when there is none.

32. Wee are so sensible of the great importance of the order, that wee tell you plainly who ever is guilty of the Breach of it must not expect any favour from us, thô it should be done to serve the occasions of a ship wherein any of us are concerned.

33. Since the Rt: Honble: Company have thought fitt to raise the Duty of Pepper to a penny ℔ pound it will be the more necessary that you observe their order for a Freedom of trade, that every man whatsoever, English Malay, Chinese, Companyes servant or Freeman of any nation may have the same Liberty in buying & selling as the Governour himself. By which meanes tho' hee may miss of a few profitable bargains, yet he will find a greater Interest in the Generall advancement.

34. You will observe by the said Generall Letter to York Fort, that the Rt: Honble: Company are not satisfied with the Charges of maintaining so many northern Factoryes and Paggars, and aim att the reducing all to York Fort which doubtless is their true Interest whenever it can be effected. But neither [P]ryamong nor it's appendant Paggars can bee withdrawn till you are secured that all the Pepper of those rivers will bee brought to York Fort, and till the Government of the Countrey is firmly settled under one head (which cannot be expected so [long] as the old Emperour and Raja Addill live and [. . .] trade of York Fort shall incourage the Natives [. . . No]quedahs to bring their Pepper, as before [mention'd . . .] 7, 8 & 9 Paragraphs.

35. Inclosed is coppy of Journall parcells & Account Currant for York Fort taken from our Bookes QQ ending 30th: April 1693 by which you must adjust accots: in your Bookes, and send us the Coppyes of ye: Journalli parcells of your Account Currant as they stand in your Bookes by every opportunty when you don't send the Bookes themselves.

36. Allso copy of severall paragr̃: of the Auditor Genls: remarkes on the account of the westcoast, wherein you will meet with many usefull directions, as well for the mannagement of businesse as the Rectification of accots. There are a multitude of Errors. Rectify as many as you can some have been already adjusted and more will be in the closing of our Bookes QQ but there are some can never be adjusted by reason of the imperfection of the Indapoora bookes.

37. The Moor's have been very [troublesome to] Fort [. . . .] since their Conquest of Chingee in December last, and have attempted to seize Cuddalore wherein being defeated they have att severall times burnt and plundered most of the out villages, and still go on in acts of Hostility which hath obliged us to send thither more men then wee could well spare, and is the reason why we cannot now send you more then four Topazes, but hope by the next opportunity to send you a good supply, in the meantime being sensible of your great [want] of a good military officer. Wee have sent by the [. . .] Mr. Natt: Eyton with a Commission for [Lieutenant] of York Fort att the usuall pay of 25: [. . .] Wee allso appoint him young [er . . .] his sallary will bee according [to . . . .] vances to. Hee is to serve three y[ears on his] arrivall att York Fort) as ℘ Copy of [. . . inclosed . .] att the expiration of which, or in case of sickness, [. . .] six months notice he hath liberty of returning hi[. . . .] where he is to enjoy his station in the Civill or m[ilitary] according as the Rt: Honble: Companys service require which Mr: Eyton hath been acquainted with doth [. . .] with a condition of referring all to the approbation & order of the Rt: Honble: Company, and when ever you shall receive any order from the Rt: Honble: Company repugnant to this Agreement in any part of it, you and He must conform thereunto.

38. Itt is not customary (nor intended for a President) to appoint a Lieutenant to bee one of Councill, but wee have done itt now, because he hath for many years approved himself a sober dilligent usefull man, and hath good experience as well in civill as military affaires. Hee brings his wife and Family with him.

39. Inclosed is the Coppy of the Articles of Peace concluded between the English and French. The Dutch & Spaniard have allso concluded a Peace with the French but the Emperour tooke a month or two's time to consider, and wee do not know whether he hath agreed. The conclusion of the peace renders itt the more probable that you may have a ship directly from England before this arrives.

40. In your Consultation dated 28th: March, you order that the coppies of Mr.[Smalridge] Mr: Philips and Mr: Ange's Declarations relating to Mr. Frith should bee delivered to Mr: Frith as was reasonable. But hee [being] required by the Lieutenant Generall to deliver his [. . .] or exception thereunto if he had any, doth affirm [. . .] thô he had severall times requested the copies of [. . . .]Declarations yet was denyed by the Depty: Governr. [. . .] the same having been here delivered to him, he makes the inclosed Queries to which an answer is requisite.

In the said Consultation allso Mr. Frith is ordered to produce the particular accounts of Pepper spared the Interloper & your Generall Letter of the same date doth acquaint us that Mr. Frith did deny to deliver you any accots: whatsoever. Mr: Frith being here Examined why he did not deliver the Accounts as required, doth declare that hee deliverd the Accots: of the quantity of Pepper shipped on board the Interloper from the severall Places, but could not give an account of the quantity received from the severall merchants, and had referred you two months before his departure from York Fort for that Account to Mr: Ange, who was the person that delivered itt att Bantall & Indickells and had deliver'd the said Accot: of Mr: Darley and Mr: Everall doth affirm he saw Mr: Ange write out the said accot: and deliver itt to Mr. Darley, thô we have not observ'd any notice taken [of it] either in Lett[ers . . .] Diary wch [. . . .] fully peruse [. . .]

41. M . Frith having been Examined to the main Article of 111 Bahar Pepper spared to Capt: Phrip, which Mr. Frith doth in his answer to your queries alledge that he spared Capt Phrip 100: Bahar of the Comps: Pepper for which Cash is Debted for it, and the remaining 111 Bahar was bought was Capt: Phrips own money, which was a good reason for not bringing itt into the account of the Companys Cash wee [. . .] observe that any notice hath been taken of th[. . .]

answer or inquiry made into the truth, [. . .] the said 111 Bahar was charged to [his Account . . .] consultation att [P]ryamong dated 9th [. . .] a reference to a further inquiry [. . .].

42. Wee do not justify or excu[se . . .] ill actions, but the foregoing [instance give] some reason to doubt that you have not dealt fairly & impartially in the representing of his business and have not given him the opportunity of answering fully to his charge att York Fort, and sending him hither with an advice that all his accots: are fully stated. And yett he is not charged with any of the stores wanting mentioned in the [P]ryamong Consultation of the 3d: February last which amounts to a very considerable sume concerning which Mr: Frith being here examined, doth produce a Bill of Lading for 20cov : 11ps : Cloth and stores sent in April 1697 (part of Ditto wanting), from [P]ryamong to Ippu by prow amounting to Dolls: 1464 : 1 : allso Mr. Smallridges Letter acknowledgeing the receipt which he alledges has been omitted by the ware housekeeper to bee Entred in his Accot: and that [. . .] other like omissions in the Warehousekeepr: Accounts. Inclosed is copy of said Bill of Lading, and Letter that you may inquire into itt, for wee can judge nothing of itt here, but find in the said [P]ryamong Consultation, that in their opinion so great a quantity of Cloth, could not bee embezled without the Cheifs knowledge, and that in order to the speedy ballancing of their Bookes they should be carried to Account differences till orders from York Fort, yet Mr. Frith doth affirm that there was no demands made of him att York Fort for the same, nor so much as acquainted that there was such an account, but wee [know] not the truth.

43. There is a report which wee have too much reason [to give] Credit to, that there hath passed very ill language [. . .] your consultations between the Deputy Governr: and some of Councill occasioned by a difference in your opinions relating to our order concerning sending Mr Smalridge hither upon which occasion wee think itt necessary to tell you that every one of Councill hath liberty of moveing what he judges necessary for the Rt: Honble Companys service, and of giving his opinion upon any matter in debate, and of Entring his dissent with the reasons, but with due respect and without offence and reflective words.

44. Wee have paid the Commandr: of Ship Anne Pa : 28 : for the ffreight of the Bales, stores and Passengers & [. . .] that comes on the Rt: Honble : Companys Account, because wee fear you may want Dollars to pay the freight att York Fort. Give the Ship as quick a dispatch as you can in unlading, being bound for Bengall.

45. If upon this ships arrivall you are furnished with a sufficient quantity of Pep-[per] for the Lading of Europe ship arrived or expected, you may lade the overplus on this ship for Bengall, consigned to the Agent &ca: att 15 ℔ Cent freight, being designed towards the Lading of ship Tavestocke, wherein wee have mett wth: difficulty and disappointments.

46. Wee have advanced Pags: 50 to Mr. Eyton to be deducted out of his Pay or salary.

47. The Rt: Honble : Company being desirous that Madrass rupees should bee made Current att York[fort] wee have sent some by this ship for a Trya[l] among . . . ing] itt will require much time to [make . . .] wee have sent you but two hun[dred . . .] passe for less then half a Dollar [. . .] pass for more, there will bee [some . .] which, you must promise to ta[ke . . .] att all times att the same rate you pay them out.

48. Wee know of no Better way then that which you will find the Auditor Generall directs in his Papers for dividing the ryalls into five parts, and those five parts into twelve parts, and therefore would have you observe it. Wee are

Yor: Loving Freinds
NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQ^T. TO YORK FORT ℘ SHIP ANNE 3^D JUNE 1698.

No. 1. Copy Invoice ℘ ship Amity from England.

2. Invoice of ship Anne to York Fort.

3. Bill of Lading for Ditto.

4 Journall parcells acco^t: [P]ryamong settlem^t: taken out of Fort S^t: George Bookes QQ.

5. Account Curr^t. Ditto.

6. Copy of severall Par: of the Auditor Generall Letter to Fort S^t. George dated 17: April 97 relating to Pryaman settlement.

[7. Copy] of an abstract of Articles of Peace conclud'd between England and France.

[8. Copy] of Bill Lading for 20^cov: 11^ps cloth &c^a. sent a [P]ryamong to Ippu.

[9. Copy] of a Letter from Mr. Smalridge to Mr. Frith acknowledging the receipt of it

10. An account Goods omitted to bee Entred in ye Warehousekeepers acco^ts: att [P]ryamong delivered by Mr Frith.

11. Companyes Gen^ll: to York Fort dated 16th: April 1697.

12. Copy of a Par: of the R^t Honble Companys Generall to Fort S^t. George dated 16th April 1697 relating to York ffort.

13. Fort S^t. George Generall to York Fort dated the 17th & 27th May 1697.

14. Paymasters List of Topazes w^th: acco^t; moneys Imprest to them.

No. 80.

TO AMERJEAHN ATT THE NABOBS CAMP. 17TH: MAY 1698.

My last was 14th: Instant with which I returned you the Draught which you sent of the Nabobs Perwanna which is approved. I just now received your Letter in Gentue wherein you advise that the Nabob doth refuse to direct the Perwanna [. . .] Phousdars shall bee hereafter upon which you scruple to take them by which itt doth appear they would putt us off with such a Perwanna as would leave room for future troubles. I hope when you refuse to accept and give your ærsons the Nabob will att last comply. However I forbear to send you more bills till I hear from you again for fear the Nabob will not comply att last, and then sending of so much money by bill will bee in vain. But if the Nabob do's grant such Perwanna [. . .] judge fitt to accept, take them, and if there be [occasion] for present payment of the money agreed for [. . .] draw Bills upon Sunccarama which I d[. . .] you will easily doe. For any merch[ant . . .] hither from the Camp to buy goods [. . .] to lett you have it, and receive it he [. . .] will save the risgo of the way. You [. . .] Bill for 3,000 Pag^s: already, and may draw seaven or eight Thousand Pag^s: more if you have occasion for so much. I send ye Gold Chest for Wottumchund, it weighs 250 Pag^s fine go[ld] and is good worke. Itt is made up in a little box. I all[so] send ten basketts of mangoes for the Nabob two for Wootumchund and one for Emam Cooley, and one for yourself.

NATH^LL HIGGINSON.

No. 81.

TO THE WORP^LL: PETER VAN SINGELENT
CHEIF FOR AFFAIRES OF THE R^T HON^BLE NETHERLANDS
EAST INDIA COMP^A: IN POLLICATT &C^A., COUNCILL.

Yesterday wee rec^d: yours of the $\frac{27}{17}$ Instant concerning three Europeans Jacob

Rowlosson, Laurence Cornelison & David Cornelison, who departed from hence to Pollicatt to seek service affirming they had Licence from us. Whereunto we answer that three Europe men did sometime since come to this Place by a Countrey shipping, and did desire leave to pass, and Licence was granted to them to depart whither they pleased, being not in the service of the Rt: Honble: English East India Company, and wee beleive may be the Persons before mentioned, thô we doe not know their names nor their Nation.

We have received another Letter from your Worp &ca. dated [*lacuna*] desiring that a Chitte named [*lacuna*] may goe to Pollicatt to give evidence in a Cause there depending. Upon receipt whereof inquiry being forthwith made, the people of his family inform that he was gone to Sadrasspatam but would return in few dayes. But he is not yet returned hither; so soon as he comes he shall bee sent, Your Worp: &ca. will therefore [please] to excuse the delay in answering said Letter and [. . .] us.

Your very affect: freinds

NATH HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

No. 82.

TO THE HONBLE: WILLM: HATSELL ESQR.
PRESIDENT OF FORT ST: GEORGE & GOVR.
OF FORT ST: DAVID &CA.: COUNCILL.

Our last was 11th: since which we recd: your's of the 11th: and 12th: with Translates of severall Letters to and from Seilim Cawn, Ibrahim Cawn Gurry and Amerjeahn, Seilim Cawnes continuance in giving you trouble (and the Dutch withdrawing from Tegnapatm: give further reason to apprehend that Seilim Cawn acts by the Nabob's order while Amerjeahn by his Letter of 11th: received this day adviseth the Nabob & Wottumchund promise Perwannas according [to] desired Draught, and therefore he sends a draught for approvall. There is a mistery which we cant understand the reallity, wee have given Amerjeahn such an answer as will prevent any further scruples in him. As you will perceive by the inclosed Coppy of said Letter our this dayes Consultation and Translate of Letter from Amerjeahn and draught of Perwanna whereunto wee have nothing more at present to adde, but [pray] God to protect you and remain. Omitted to be entred in its due Place.

Your affect [freinds].

Fort St: George 14th May '98.

NATHLL. HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT. EMPSON.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

No. 1. Generall Letter dated 14th May 98.
2. Copy of a Consultation dated 14th: May 98.
3 { Copy of a Letter to Amerjeahn dated Do.
Copy of a Translate of Lre: from Amerjeahn datd. 11th: May 98.
Copy of the Draught of a Perwanna. }

No. 83.

To the Honble Willm. Hatsell.
Presid^t^. of Fort S^t^. George and
Governr : of Fort St. David &c
Councill of Fort S^t^. David.

Wee have received your Letters of 16th & 19th Instant with severall Papers according to List.

Tho' the provocations and injuryes which Seilim Cawn hath done may bee esteemed just grounds for makeing ourselves reparation by force, yet we can [not] approve of any such methods now, nor of sending a ship to Portonovo to bring their Ships into Cuddalore Road, as hath been propounded to you.

The four Souldiers concerning whom some Lett^rs^: have passed between you and Negapatam and Pollicherry are here, being come in from the Camp upon a pardon Vz^t^: Joy Hacklins, Hill and Davis.

Wee shall pay your Bill Pag^s^ : 100 : to D^r^ : Browne dated 16th.

As to D^r^: Blackwalls Garden there passed formerly some Letters and Papers which would be perused before wee can give a full answer, in the meantime [you] will do well to take care that the produce of [the] cutt down bee not imbezled.

Cauker Cawn's kind Letters are either a train [laid by] some treacherous design like Seilim Cawnes or a sign he is assured of the Nabobs intentions to grant Perwannas &c^a^ time must shew which. His freindship is very necessary and you doe well to oblidge him.

Amerjeahn wrote us much to the same effect thô not so particularly, as his Letter to you. Hee has as full directions as wee can give him, and as full power as ought to be given any man for concluding. And we do not understand the reason of so long a delay.

Yesterday a Pattamar from Suratt brought us a Generall Letter from his Excell^y^ : &c^a^ dated 15th : March Copy whereof comes inclosed. Wee have no news, but what is more particularly and with greater certainty in the newspapers sent to the President by the Lieutenant Generall, which were received from Persia by the Loyall Captain. Coppies of which newspapers, lett bee transmitted to Govern^r^ Pitt (if not already done) Vz^t^. what relates to the Peace, and to the Emperour's Victory over the Turkes. Wee are.

Honble S^r^:

Fort S^t^: George 21st May '98.

Yo^r^: very affect: freinds

Nath^ll^ : Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Edwd : Tredcroft.

No. 84.

To Amerjeahn att Zulphak^r^:
Cawnes Camp.

Yesterday I received your Lett^r^ : [wherein you] advise the receipt of the mangoes and Gold [chest . .] that the Nabob doth still refuse [to grant] Perwanna's as desired, but you have hopes that [he] will.

You gave a right answer to President Hatsell about the Portonovo Ships.

Itt may bee Wootumchund puts off because he suspects he shall not have the Gold Chest

It will bee convenient that the Perwannas bee procured before the Dutch enter far into their business.

You write that you have paid Dr. Brown's money to Agala Cawn's son, but you don't write how much which I ought to know, that I may pay Sunccarama, who drew the Bill for I conclude you have not paid the whole but compounded for a part.

The Receipt given by Emam Cooley is not firm being chauped by a seal which hath not his name, I will therefore returne you the Receipt and send you a Bill so soon as I can get itt to receive 596 : Rupees wch : with 204 : Rupees paid formerly by President Yale makes up the full sume of 800 : Rupees. I will allso send you the Coppy of a receipt which Emam Cooley ought to give.

I wonder the Connago talks of 2 : ℔ cent. I send yo : the coppy of an Agreement made here with Vissaujee Baucaraw Chief Connago, by which you will understand that he can demand no more then Pags : 35. wch : is yearly paid to his order here out of the new Towns. However if the Nabob grants the Perwannas, you may gratify him for making the necessary Entryes in his Bookes.

A Ship being lately arrived from Persia, I have sent the Nabob some Rosewater, Fruit &ca according [to] the inclosed List and one Chest of Siraz for your [. . .] drinking to comfort your heart.

The List mentions 3. Chests Rosewater, but it is one Chest Rosewater, one Chest Siraz Wine and one Chest ashee.

I have sent you two Spahawn fish.

Since writing the foregoing I have received advice from President Hatsell that Seilim Cawnes people did on the 24th. Instant come again to Cuddalore Villages, and burnt some houses, killed & carryed away some people and Cattle.

NATHLL : HIGGINSON.

No. 85.

TO THE RT : WORPLL : CHARS : EYRE ESQR :

AGENT &CA COUNCILL OF BENGALL.

Our last was by Ship Sedgwick dated 13th : Instant, since which wee have received none from you. ℔ Ship George.

Inclosed is Invoice and Bill of Lading for 180 ; Bales, Broadcloth ordinary and 10 : Bales Aurora Laden on Ship George Capt : William Brookes Comr. att Rupees 4⅛ ℔ Bale freight which wee choose to send on that ship being two deck't and more capable of securing the Bales from Damage then a small single deck'd Ship.

On the 25th : Instant Ship Dolphin arrived from the West Coast, and brought 97 bahar of Pepper, wee shall send her to you in few dayes, that she may bee refitted and sent from Bengall to the West Coast in August or September, with Provisions &ca and shall probably continue the Pepper upon her (towards the Tavestocks Lading) unless the ship shall appe[ar] leaky to venture itt.

The Ship Loyall Captain from Persia brought us Letters from Gombroon giving an account of their over land advices from Europe conf[irming] the news of a Peace being concluded between [the Eng]lish Spanish Dutch and French. The Articles [of pe]ace between England and France are Dated 10th : September 1697 and Printed and therefore concluded by which a mutuall restitution of all Places taken dureing the Warr is agreed, and the French King acknowledges King William, and is obliged not to assist any Invasion, rebellion or insurrection. But the Emperor : tooke a months time to consider. In the meantime he hath obtained a remarkable Victory over ye Turks Army, having slain and taken 38000 : men, & taken their artillery, Amunition and Baggage. There is allso advice that the Fleett friggat was

arrived in Galloway in Ireland but the Russell friggat Mary, and America expected with the streight's Convoy from Cales. The Bedford and Dorothy that came out with the Tavestock were taken by the French.

Our Armenian Vacqueel remaines still att the Camp, the Nabob sometimes refuseing to grant the necessary Perwannas, in the meantime the Phousdar of the Countrey adjacent to Cuddalore Seilim Cawn do's go on plundering and robbing and burning the out Villages, which he did on the 24th. Instant which still makes us more doubtfull of the Nabobs design.

And the rather because wee are advised by a Lettr: received by an Armenian merchant from the Kings Camp, that the Moor Merchant and two Armenians whose Goods on the Quedda merchant were robbed by Kidd, had obtained from the King his Husbul[hookum] on the Governour of Suratt for causing [the] English to restore their Goods, and in case of a [re]fuseall to send the English and their Delolls to the King with which Husbulhookum and a Gusburdar they departed from the King's Camp about 30 dayes past for Suratt.

Mr : John Johnson takes his passage upon this ship bound on a tradeing Voyage. He came out a Free merchant on Ship Tavestock having signed Bonds to conform to the Hon Comps : Rules. Hee hath here behaved himself a very sober man. Wee are

Fort St: George 27th: May 1698. Yor : affect: freinds.

Nath : Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Edward Tredcroft.

List of the Pacqueit.

No. 1. General Letter dated 27th May 1698.
2. Invoice of Broadcloth ℔ Ship George.
3. Bill of Lading for Ditto.

No. 86.

To Amerjeahn att Zulphakr · 30th May 1698.
Cawnes Camp.

I have received none from you since mine of 25th : May with which I sent Persia fruit &ca : for the Nabob inclosed is a Bill of Exchange drawn by Suncca Rama on Nellacunte for 596 Rupees which I desire you to receive and pay to Emam Cooley and take his receipt according to the draught sent before, with his large[. . .] to itt, and deliver him that which hee sent.

I have delivered Noorusbeague a Lettr : for Emam Cooley the copy whereof comes inclosed. Hee has not staid upon this occasion but for other businesse.

I am advised from Fort St: David that on the 24th Inst : Seilim Cawnes people came again to plunder the out Town and that he designed to send his people again on the 29th. These are strange proceedings.

I have certain advice of a Peace made in Europe between the English, French, Dutch and Spanish, and by the Articles they are obliged to restore all places taken dureing the Warr in all parts of the world, and particularly Pollicherry is to bee delivered to the French. I hope to see some ships here suddainly. Six Companys ships and three kings ships to take the Pirates, and then all that trouble of the Pirates will bee soon over.

Nathll : Higginson.

No. 87.

To Emam Cooley att Zulphak[R] : 30TH May 1698.
Cawnes Camp.

Amerjeahn adviseth me that he hath made an end of Doctor Brownes business with Aggala Cawn's Son's & I have sent a Bill to Amerjeahn to receive 596 : Rupees and pay you, which with 204 Rupees formerly p[d] : your order by M[r] : Yale makes the sume of 800 Rup[s] : the price of the two Oxen you bought for M[r] Yale. I have delivered this Letter to Norusbeague who brought your Letter to me, and having done his other businesse is now returning. The money he came about being otherwise satisfied there was [no] occasion of paying any to him. Lett Freindship remain, and pray assist Amerjeahn in despatching his business.

Nath[ll] : Higginson.

No. 88.

To the Hon[ble] : Will[m]: Hatsell Esq[r] : Fort S[t] : George 7th June 1698.
President of Fort S[t] : George and
[Gov[r]] of Fort S[t] : David &c[a] Councill.

Wee have received your severall Generall Lett[rs]: of the 24th : 26 : 28 : & 30th : past and 1st : & 3[d] : Instant giving an account of Seilim Cawnes further attempts on your bounds & advices from Amerjeahn & Letters passing between Cauker Cawn and the President which are all Ridles that wee cannot understand and reconcile one with another. But it is probable that notwithstanding all the appearances of the Nabobs anger against Daud Cawn and his brother Seilim Cawn his intentions are that Seilim Cawn should be satisfied and discharged from further demands.

Wee have paid your bill mentioned in your's of 24th: past to Balthasar Menezes Pag[s]. 117 : 18 : and shall send you money either by Bill or by sea as opportunity offers, with 5 candy of brimstone and 5 p[s] red betteelas wee are not willing to venture the latter by the Tappyes least their carrying of bundles should cause them to bee observed and stoped by Junckaneers.

Inclosed is the Translate of a Letter just now rec[d]. from Amerjeahn with coppy & translate of the Perwanna which he writes is all this Nabob will grant which wee hasten to you for your Perusall. It differs much from the draught sent and is so defective that itt will not secure you from future trouble, nor ought to be accepted unless necessary for a present releife. Wee shall write to Amerjeahn to indeavour to get itt altered, without possitive rejecting or accepting till we hear from you; which wee hope may bee within the 10 dayes sett by Amerjeahn.

Wee have received the Pacquett from Govern[r] : Pitt mentioned in your's of the 28th: past. The articles of peace were sent by the Lieutenant Generall, and the articles of trade will bee sent so soon as Translated.

Wee observe you send out small parties of foot & [a dozen] Horsemen which engaged the Enemy, the losse of one [Horse] man to you is more then 50 to them, Tho' the appea[rance] of a few Horse may bee serviceable, yet they must [be very] carefull least they bee overpowred in number, and ought not to engage, but when really necessary. Wee are

Yo[r] : affec[t] : freinds

Nath[ll] : Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matt : Empson.
Edw[d] : Tredcroft.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

N°. 1. Generall letter dated 7th: June 1698.

2. Translate of a letter recd: 7th: June from Amerjeahn.

3. Ditto of the draught of a Perwanna offered by the Nabob.

4. Copy of the draught of D°: Perwanna in Persian.

5. Copy of the Lieut: Genls: Letter to Amirjeahn datd: 7th: June 98.

No. 89.

TO AMIRJEAHN ATT ZULPHAK*: 7TH JUNE 1698.

CAWNES CAMP.

I this day received your Letter of the 5th with Emam Cooleys receipt for 596: rupees, and Draught of the Perwanna which you write the Nabob offers and will grant no other but there are so many alterations and defects in it that I must desire you to indeavour to gett it altered.

1. Itt is directed onely to the officers of Chingie, it may be doubted whether the Phousdars of Chellumbrum &ca will [get] notice of it.

2. Itt mentions the Governour of Bunder Tegnapatam but doth not mention who the Governour is, & may serve for any man to whom the Nabob will deliver it.

3. Itt calls Tegnapatam a Bunder but not a Fort, perhaps the Nabob will not insert the word Fort in a Perwanna. I would not therefore insist upon that.

4. No mention of the English Company but I cannot take any Perwanna that doth not mention their name.

5. There is no mention of Sallabad.

You must consider these things and gett the Perwanna altered according to the Draught, and then I will send ye money.

I take itt for granted that tho' you don't mention the Nabobs Perwanna for causing Seilim Cawn to make restitution, and those desired for Madrass, yet that you remember to gett them allso, as you formerly wrote.

NATHLL: HIGGINSON.

No. 90

FORT ST. GEORGE 8TH JUNE 1698.

TO THE RT: WORPll: CHARs: EYRE ESQR:

AGENT &CA COUNCILL OF BENGALL.

Our last was 27th: past ℗ Ship George coppy whereof is Inclosed, with second bill of Lading for 190. Bales broadcloth sent you by Ditto Ship.

The Dolphin proving leakey wee have unladen the Pepper here.

The William and Mary from Bombay bound for Bengall is arrived att Fort St: David, and will call here but staying there some time wee have received the Bombay Pacquett overland inclosing a Generall Letter for you which wee choose to send by the William and Mary. In the meantime wee send you the Copy of two Clauses of a Letter from the Rt. Honble Company to Bombay dated 1. Sepr. 1697 which wee received now from his Excelly. &ca and Coppy of Articles of Peace.

Since our last Seilim Cawn hath again visited the out bounds of Fort St: David, and hath plundered and carryed away severall people, in the meantime ye Nabob offers Perwannas but such as are not of Force for prevention of future troubles. Wee don't yet foresee but do[ubt] the Issue as formerly wrote. Wee are.

Your affect: Freinds

NATH: HIGGINSON.

JOHN STYLEMAN.

FRANCIS ELLIS.

THOMAS WRIGHT.

MATT: EMPSON.

EDWARD TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

No. 1. Generall Letter dated 8th: June 1698.
2. Copy of a Generall Letter dated 27th May 1698.
3. Copy of two Clauses of the Rt. Honble Comps: Generall to Bombay dated primo September 1697.
4. Abstract of the articles of Peace between England & France.
5. Second Bill of Lading ℔ ship George.

No. 91.

FORT St: GEORGE 16th JUNE 98.

To Mr SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF &cA COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

Our last was 2d: May by your returned Peons.

Upon view of the Vizagapatam Bookes K: L: M: N: O: Ending April 1697 itt doth appear that the Amount of Calicoes received in that time is no more yn: Pags: 77537: 0: 0 in 4 year's 9 months.

Vzt: from Old Merchts: in part of their debts contracted before 1692 Vzt:		
Moor merchts: Debt Pags: recd: ...	14342 : 5 : 3	
Jentue merchts: debts Pags: recd: ...	1501 : 6 : 6	
		Pa; 15843 : 31 : 2
from Budda Narrain &ca		63194 : 30 : 3
	Pags:	79038 : 6 : 3

The amount of the Factory Charges in yt time is 16748: 5: 3: which is above 20 ℔ cent upon Pags: 79038: and above 26 ℔ cent on Pags: 63194: 30: 3: the amount of what received upon the Contracts made since August 1692 from which time your Investment doe amount Pags: 13304 yearly & the Charges Pags: 3526.

The amount of charges as before is Pags:	16748 : 5 : 3
Deduct wt: gained by accot: Proffit & Losse	3332 : 27 : 0
	13415 : 14 : 3
which is above 20 ℔ cent upon Pags:	63194 : 30 : 3

This is a very discouraging accot: for the continuance of Vizagapatam Factory considering the encrease of charge, and the little hopes of increasing Investment by reason of the unsettled state and frequent revolutions in the Government of the Countrey.

Amerjeahn continues att the Nabobs Camp, but hath not got the desired Perwannas, the Nabob refusing to grant any in due forme, and increasing in demands. Besides wee are advised of alterations suddainly expected in the officers of the the Camp, the King having ordered most of them to other Employments and the Nabob to goe against Tanjore or Misore. Wee know not what ye true cause is of the Nabobs refusall, but suspect he may bee governed by advises from Court, of the Kings sending a Husbulhookum to Suratt requiring from the English payment for the Lading of ship Quedda merchant lately taken by Kidd the Pirate and in case of refusall to bring the English to him.

The premisses considered wee must confirm the caution wee have given you and the orders concerning the removing the Factory.

On the 11th: Instant a ship of about 200: Tons came into St: Thoma Road with English Ancient wth: out showing [a Jack], said [. . to bee . .] the Resolution [Capt:] Ethrington an Interloper, but suspected by the Portuguez to be a Pirate. They pretend to wood & water & proceed for Bengall but wee are informed they have 100: Candy of sugar and sugar Candy (brought from Java) which they have indeavoured to dispose of, but do not yet find chapmen here: and wee suspect they will endeavour to sell itt some where on this Coast, if not att St. Thoma, either att

Metchlepatam or Coast of Gingerlee. Our last Letter from the Rt Honble Company orders us to indeavour to disappoint them, as by the copy of the 40th : Par : sent you on the 19th. February and 19th : Par : on the 6th. January last, & wee doubt not but you will as you have formerly promised [to] do your utmost to defeat their Trade. Wee have wrote to Mr : Noden by this Pattamar and ordered him to advise you, and follow your orders as occasion requires as by the Inclosed coppy.

Gussfur Cawn who was Governour of Chinge Fort since its conquest is by the Kings order appointed Nabob of Cateck, and he went from these parts with 200 : Horse, and 3 : or 400 : foot 15 dayes agoe we have not the least advice that he is any wayes concerned in the Government of the Gingerlee Countrey much less suspect that he has any orders relating to Vizagapatam.

Inclosed is the Coppy of your account Currant and Journall parcells taken from our bookes QQ : from the time last sent to the 30th : April last. To be Entred in your bookes. Send us your Journall Parcells [at] the same time that your account may be adjusted. Wee are

Yor : loving freinds

Nathll : Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Matthew Empson.
Edward Tredcroft.

List of the Pacquett.

No 1 : Generall Letter dated 16th : July 1698.

2. Copy of a Generall Letter to Mr. Noden dated 16th : June 1698.

3. Journall Parcells taken out of Fort St : George Bookes QQ : from the pmo : Decemr. 1697 to the ulto : April 1698.

4. Account Currant for Ditto time.

No. 92.

To Mr: Philip Noden att Metchlepatam, Fort St: George 16th: June 1698.

On the 11th : Instant a ship of about 200 : tons came into St Thoma Road with English Ancient said to bee the Resolution Capt : Ethrington an Interloper, but suspected by the Portuguez to be a Pirat [e]. They pretend to be bound for Bengall, but having 100 : candy sugar, and sugar candy which wee thinke they will hardly be able to dispose of itt att St : Thoma, we suspect they may call att Metchlepatam, or Coast of Gingerlee for the sale thereof.

Wee have formerly acquainted the Rt : Honble : Company with your residence att Metchlepatam which they approve on condition, you do not act any thing to their prejudice, particularly in assisting Interlopers if any should come to those parts. Wee do therefore now advise you of this [ship] and if she comes require you not onely not assist or trade with them, but to endeavour all you can to hinder & disappoint them particularly acquaint the Persons in Government that Whereas severall Piracyes have been committed on ships belonging to the Mogulls people, the blame whereof hath been unjustly laid on the English Company, because they some times weare English colours, You must acquaint them that this ship doth not belong to the English Company, and therefore they are not answerable for any injury or robbery they shall commit.

Advice Mr. Holcombe &c[a]: as occasion requires, and follow their orders. Wee are

Your Loving Freinds
NATHLL HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW[d]: TREDCROFT.

No. 93.

To THE HON[BLE]: WILLIAM HATSELL ESQ[R]:
PRESIDENT OF FORT S[T]: GEORGE &
GOV[R] OF FORT S[T]: DAVID &c[A]
COUNCILL.

Wee have received yours of 6th: 8th: 9th: and 14th: Instant, and the Pacquett from Bombay, which came by William and Mary.

Considering Cauker Cawn's quality, and capacity of befreinding you, wee approve yourPresent to him [as] seasonable, tho' it be not in his power to procure the Nabobs Perwanna.

Since Serjeant Smith has behaved himself so well and given severall proofes of his ablity and diligence wee will (notwithstanding his former miscariages) send a Commission as you desire with this or the next.

The designed Points, Walls and Ditch about Cuddalore ought to bee finished so far as necessary for it's defence, but wee are of opinion that the four small Points designed within the extent of the bounds in the draught which the President sent ought not to bee undertaken now, because you neither have, nor have reason to expect men enough to defend them without leaving Cuddalore and the Fort too weake, and because the very begining of such Fortifications will probably obstruct the passing of the desired Perwanna by creating an unseasonable jealousy in the moors.

Wee shall pay your Bill Pag[s]: 1000: to Mr. Styleman att 3: dayes.

Wee are glad to hear that Seilim Cawn has not returned as feared, but apprehend he will take the first oppertunity of doing mischeif unlesse prevented by the Nabobs Perwanna which lookes [more] and more doubtfull. Yesterday came a Letter from a Braminy att the Camp, advising that the King had ordered Dulpatrow and Daud Cawn to remove to Bollegol and Adonee, and the Nabob to assist Didarbux coming against Misore, and that the Nabob was preparing to go, and gave over the managem[t]: of affaires to the Duan. This day came Letters from Amerjeahn who writes that the Nabob two past had received the Kings order for taking Vellore, and then to goe against Tanjore and that the Nabob now demands ten thousand Pagodas for another Perwanna the draught whereof comes inclosed with it's Translate for your perusall & opinion but the Letters are too long to send the Translates now.

On the 11[th]: Instant came into S[t]: Thoma Road a ship of about 200 Tons with an English Ancient without Jacke said to bee the Resolution Cap[t]: Et[h]rington an Interloper that came from Cales, and hath been in the S[o]: seas, and bound for Bengall. But y[e]: Portuguez suspect him to bee a Pirate, because they refuse to deliver or receive any goods unless aboard Ship, and because there is a Person there who was taken by a Pirate called the Resolution of y[e]: same Burthen, and the Commander by discription being alike in person. Some of the Portuguez were tampering to truck saltpetre for sugar, but upon our writing to the Avaldar and Captain More that wee know not what they are, and that they do not belong to the Company, and therefore those that assist and receive them and not the company are answerable for all damages if any happen, we are assured that the Bargain do's not goe on, and we have published very severe orders prohibiting the Inhabitants of Madrass from Corresponding w[th]: them as by the Inclosed Coppy. They give out that they design

in few dayes for Bengall, and have taken in 18 cask of water and some fresh Provisions. They have 100: Candy of sugar & sugar candy, which wee doubt they will endeavour to put off, on this Coast one way or other.

Wee every day expect the Elizabeth from Batavia and by her the latest Europe news.

Inclosed is Journall parcells and Acco^{t}: Currant to the 30th: April last, to bee adjusted in your bookes and send us your Journall parcells. Wee are.

Fort S^{t}: George 16th: June 1698.

Your affec^{t}: freinds
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
EDW^{D}: TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

N^{o}: 1. Generall Letter dated 16th: July 1697.
2. Draught of a Perwanna.
3. Translate of Ditto.
4. Copy of an order prohibiting all correspondence with any person belonging to a Ship in S^{t}: Thoma Road supposed to be an Interloper.
5. Sundry Journall parcells taken out of Bookes QQ: from the 23^{d}: Novem^{r}: 1697 to the ult^{o}: April 1698.
6. Account Curr^{t}: for Ditto time.

No. 94.

TO THE WORP^{LL}: PETER VAN SINGELANT CHEIF FOR AFFAIRES OF THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY &C^{A}: COUNCILL IN POLLICATT.

We are this day informed that Yesterday a Ship with English Colours Anchored in Pollicatt road and that two persons belonging to the said ship came ashore to your Factory. The same ship did on the 11th: Instant in like manner anchor in S^{t}: Thoma Road, from whence we have been informed by some, that she was suspected to be a Pirate, and by others that she was an Interloper passing under the name of the Resolution Captain Ethrington Commander. Wee know not whether said ship bee a Pirate or Interlopers. But wee know that she doth not belong to the R^{t}: Honble: English East India Company, and therefore their coming into India is highly prejudiciall to the Trade of both Companys in India. For prevention whereof our Honble: Masters do inform us, they have made an Agreement with R^{t}: Honble: Netherlands East India Company, that their servants shall not trade wth: any pretended English ships that shall come to any of their Ports or Factoryes in India without a certificate the form whereof for your more certain information comes inclosed.

In consideration whereof and of the strict alliance betwixt our Nations, and the good understanding that hath been for so long maintained between our Companys, wee doubt not but your Worship &c^{a}: will readily comply with the purport of the forementionʼd Agreement, and you will receive orders from the Honble: Governour and Councill of Negapatam unto whom wee now write. Wee

Fort St: George 18th: June 1698.

Your very affec^{t}: freinds
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^{d}: TREDCROFT.

No. 95.

17TH JUNE 1698.

TO AMEERJEAHN ATT ZULPHAKER CAWN'S CAMP.

I received three Letters from you with a draught of the Perwanna which the Nabob offers to give for 10000: Pag^s. There is a great defect in itt. I therefore write to the Nabob according to the inclosed Coppy and send him the Draught of the Perwanna which I desire, the same as last sent you, and you must try again what you can doe to gett it, if Wootumchund bee our freind realy, hee can gett it done at last. You write that the Nabob demands 10000: Pag^s: but that you hope to save 2000: Pag^s: of it. 10000: Pag : is a great deal of money for a Perwanna which leaves room for future trouble. If such a one can bee gott as will prevent all future trouble, you may give itt if you can't gett it cheaper, but wee can't accept of any less then the copy which I now send. When the Nabob grants itt I will then write him again, as you shall advise about the money.

NATH^LL: HIGGINSON.

No. 96.

TO NABOB ZULPHAKER CAWN.

Amirjeahn formerly wrote that your Excell^y: would grant the Perwannas which I desired; but now he writes that your Excell^y: would grant one about Tegnapatam after another manner. I have often had experience of your favour and still depend wholly upon it for granting all the Perwannas necessary for settling the English Company's business. As to Tegnapatam I pray your Excell^y: to grant one according to the Inclosed draught, or one that is better y^t: the company may injoy the benefitt a thousand yeares, and that your name may increase.

NATH^LL: HIGGINSON.

Fort S^t: George 17th: June 1698.

No. 97.

TO THE HON^BLE: LAURENCE PITT COUNCILL^R: EXTRAORDINARY OF INDIA AND GOVERN^R: OF NEGAPATAM &C^A: COAST CHOROMANDELL FOR AFFAIRES OF THE RT: HON^BLE: NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY &C^A: COUNCILL.

Wee are this day informed that a ship with English Colours did Anchor yesterday in Pollicatt Road, concerning which wee have wrote a Letter to the Worp^ll Cheife and Councill, whereunto wee pray your Hon^r: &c^a to bee referred, and give such orders as you shall think necessary for the prevention of that mischeif which hath arisen to the Trade of both Companys by such Piraticall or Interloping ships frequenting India.

Wee have reason to suspect the said [*sic*] will proceed further Northward, wee therefore pray your Hon^r &c^a: that you will please to give your orders, allso to your other Factories in those parts so Commending your Honour &c^a: to Gods protection, wee Remain

Your Hon^rs: &c^a: affection^t:
Freinds & hum^ble servants

Fort S^t: George 18th June 1698.

NATH^LL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 98.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 18TH: JUNE 1698.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDENT OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE AND
GOV^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}: DAVID &C^{A}:
COUNCILL.

Wee have this day received yours of the 16th: whereby wee are sorry to understand you have apprehensions of Seilim Cawn's further designes against Cuddalore. Wee have yesterday wrote a Lett^{r}: to Amirjeahn and another to the Nabob upon receipt of a Letter from Amirjeahn coppyes whereof come inclosed with Translate of commerce between France and Holland.

The Elizabeth and Eagle arrived yesterday from Battavia, but have brought no Europe news they came out after some Dutch ships bound for this Coast with a Commissary.

Herewith is a Pacquett for the Governour, and Councill of Negapatam which forward with fresh Peons, relating to the ship that came on 11th: Instant with English Colours into S^{t}: Thoma Road, & sailed on the 16th: from thence to the Nort[h]ward, and yesterday anchored in Pollicat Road, being suspected to bee a Pirate or Interloper. We are

Your affect: freinds

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 99.

TO THE WORP^{LL}: PETER VAN SINGLELANT
CHEIF FOR AFFAIRES OF THE R^{T}: HONOURA^{BLE}
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPANY
&C^{A}: COUNCILL IN POLLICATT.

Wee have received your kind Letter dat^{d}: [...] and acquiesse in the Declaration you are pleased to [make con]cerning the ship which came lately into Pollicatt Road [with] English Colours.

This accompanyes Tombeande Chitte who your Wor[ship] desired in a former Letter might come to Pollicatt to [give] evidence in a Cause depending. Being lately come fro[m] Journey, he comes herewith and desires he may have [. . .] of returning in convenient time.

Wee cannot write in Portuguez because wee don't understand the Language, but have caused this to be Translated.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 23^{D}: JUNE 1698.

Your very affect: freinds
and Humble servants.

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 100.

FORT S^T : GEORGE 23^D : JUNE 1698.

TO HODGE MAHOMUD ALLEE.

I received your kind Letter wherein you advise that you have checked your servants att S^t: Thoma about the ship that came thither. The ship is gone to Pollicatt, and I hear they intend'd to goe from thence yesterday so that I need not inlarge.

NATH^LL : HIGGINSON.

No. 101.

FORT S^T :GEORGE 24TH : JUNE 1698.

[AMIR] JEAHN ATT NABOB ZULPHAK^a :
[CAWNS] CAMP.

I have received your two Letters in Gentue & Armenian wherein you advice the Nabob will not add a word to the Perwanna which hee offered, which you think is firm & desire the money may bee sent. I have acquainted the Councill therewith and I perceive they have a great confidence in you. Therefore I now write you this positive answer. Try once more whether you can prevail with the Nabob to grant the Perwannas according to the draught I sent. If he will not you must att least procure that the Perwanna bee directed to the officers of Chingie, and Chingee Countrey, and that the word, Sallabad, bee inserted in that draught which the Nabob offers, towards the end Vz^t: after those words (Lett them pray for the Kings life and Prosperity) Lett these words bee added (and goe on with their business according to Sallabad.) But if att last you cannot prevail take the Perwanna as the Nabob hath offered, because you say it is firme, & don't expect any further orders from me, do it as well as y^o: can.

As for the money I don't certainly understand how much you will want, for you once wrote the Nabob demanded 8000 : Pag^s : for himself and 2000 Pag^s : for his officers after which you wrote that he demanded 2000 : Pag^s : for himself, besides the 8000 : but you were in hopes to gett the 2000 : Pag^s : abated. I will send you 7000 Pag^s : very speedily so soon as possibly I can gett Bills, which I think will bee tomorrow or next day, if you can't gett all the 2000 : Pag^s : abated I suppose I must send you more. Pray by your next advise me the just sume that must bee sent.

I remember you have frequently in your Letters written that you would take care those Townes should not bee Entred in the Accounts, and gett the Duanswr [. . .] attested by the Connago, and would allso bring the necessary Perwannas for Madrasse, and a Horse and [cloths] for the Governour of Chinapatam, and for the Governour of Tegnapatam, what need I write more.

I will send Palenkeen Boyes tomorrow or next day with some Rose water &c^a : for the Duan &c^a.

I have sent the draught of the Nabobs Perwanna w^th : the two words interlined which I desire to bee added.

25th : JUNE

Since writing of the foregoing I received your Letter wherein you advise the Nabob will grant a Perwanna according to my draught onely leaving out the words Phousdar and Fort and that after those words are left out then the draught offered by the Nabob is better. To which I answer, onely lett the two words (Chingee Countrey) and (Sallabad) bee added to the Nabobs draught and I shall bee willing to accept itt as before written. Tho' it would bee more convenient for us if the word Fort were added, but since it is not convenient for the Nabob I will not insist on itt. Nor is it convenient for you to stay long there since you are not well. Therefore make an end quickly and come away.

NATH^LL : HIGGINSON.

No. 102.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE 25TH: JUNE 1698.

TO THE HON^{BLE}: WILLIAM HATSELL
PRESIDENT OF FORT S^{T}: GEORGE AND
GOVERN^{R}: OF FORT S^{T}: DAVID &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

Wee have received yours of 16, 18, & 21 Instant by the Brigantine dated 23^{d}: Instant wth: Invoice and Bill of Lading for 43 Bales. Wee shall send you by the Brigantine all that you write for if procureable.

David Davis, and Charles Flaming came by the W^{m}: and Mary, and observe they were paid to the middle of this month.

We have paid your Bill Pag : 345: to M^{r}: Acworth [. & shall that .] for Pag^{s}: [. . .] to M^{r}: Empson.

The slave you sent by the Brigantine coming ashore in the Evening slips from the waterside Peons & is not yet heard of.

On the 23^{d} wee received Letters from Amirjeahn wherein hee advised that the Nabob would not add [a] word to the Draught of the Perwanna which he offer'd & Yesterday received another Letter wherein he gives us reason to hope that he will grant a Perwanna upon better termes. Wee have this day written him an answer the copy whereof comes inclosed. Wee are

Yo^{r}: affectionate freinds

NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 103.

TO THE R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: CHARLES EYRE
AGENT &C^{A} COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

P W^{m}: and Mary. Our last was 8th: June since which none from you. This comes by Ship William and Mary, & incloses a Generall Letter which shee brought from Bombay.

Capt^{t}: Heron in a sloop from Battavia mett with ship Nassaw Capt^{t}: Mintay bound for China on the 22^{d}: of May last, but wee have no Letters from the R^{t}: Honble: Company by Ditto ship. Hee alsoe mett with M^{r}: Gough in an Interloping ship bound for China. The 30th: past wee received a Letter from Capt^{t}: Erle from the Cape adviseing of the R^{t}: Honble: Companys shipping, Copy whereof comes inclosed. The Danes ship w^{ch}: brought itt gives account of a French ship or two w^{ch}: sailed before her from the Cape for Bengall.

Inclosed is your Account Currant with Journall parcells taken out of our Bookes QQ from 1st: January to the ultimo April last, with remarks made by our accountant on the last account Curr^{t}: received from you whereunto wee referr.

Herewith goes M^{r}: Jeremiah Peachies account as stated by the Court with their Judgement against him for Rs. 5,330-3-6 (including the remains of Maulda Factory) which you must receive out of those Bales which you sent hither and were returned to you Vz^{t}: the remain's in specie, or so much as you shall find among those Bales, accounted as they stand Entred in Maulda Bookes, and if you do not find enough in specie, you must make up the said sume of Rs. 5,330-3-6 out of such of the Bales as are most proper for Europe by valuation. The remainder if any be [must] bee deliver'd to M^{r}: Peacheys order and in case he shall neglect to give order, let them lye in the Warehouse as secure as you can from Damage. Inclosed is an Execution warrant.

In the said account you will find M^r. Peachey debted for all Bills and receipts as ℘ Maulda Bookes & Credited for the old Bills alledged by him to bee lost. But as to the new Bills they are remaining with you, concerning which wee wrott you, and you sent us a parcell of writeings with a List which was not true, there being some more and some lesse in the List. We advised you the mistake and desired you to rectify itt; by your answer you apprehend the Error was not of importance nor worth rectifying. The Court could not make a Judgement upon an imperfect account, & therefore that matter rests as it was. and those writings are now returned to you, who onely can make use, and render an account thereof to the R^t: Honble: Company.

You will allso find Mr. Peachie has creditt for Rup^s: 1,486 : 12 : in 3 sums for Rupees, gold & silver thread, delivered by him in 1693 as appears by the Bengall Consultation booke if you have received any thing more, you must give him Creditt for it. or if there bee a mistake in the value of gold and silver thread it is not our fault, itt being necessary to bee brought to an issue by valuation for want of a certain acco^t:

M^r: Jonathan Winder having given bond with security in a thousand Pagodas not to correspond or deal with Interlopers, will return to you by Ship Acheen merchant. and Mr. William Warren who [was] Chirurgeon of Tonqueen Factory will come to you by the same ship to be Chirurgeon of Chuttanutta Factory. By his Agreement when he first came out his sallary was 27£: ℘ annum whereof $\frac{1}{3}$ part hath been paid in England to his Family, the rest he hath received in India having now served 17 years in India. Hee requests that his Sallary may be advanced equall to what hath been usually paid Doctors in Bengall. But wee tell him, the R^t: Honble: Company made the Agreement, and they onely can alter it, in order to which you may acquaint the R^t: Honble: Company with his request and deportment, and in the meantime charge 36 £: or the usuall Doctors salary in your account of salary, pay him 18£ Debt acco^t. Curr^t. for £9 : payable to his wife in England and give him Creditt for the remaining 9£: till the R^t. Honble Comp^s: answer arrives. their salarys are paid here to the 25th: March last. And are not indebted by our Bookes they have received nothing from us for the Charges of their passage which wee leave to you to discharge according to Custom.

Wee have wrott to the Cheif and Councill of Vizagapatam that the Tavestock will call there in December, and that they should advise you by Cossid in Octob^r what number of Bales they should have ready, and whether they do resolve to withdraw the Factory in which case they will have a considerable quantity of Goods and Stores to lade upon the Ship, according to their advice lett room bee left in the Tavestock sufficient to take in all. Wee are

Fort St: George 4th July 1698.

Yo : very affect: freinds

NATH^LL HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^D: TREDCROFT.

No. 104.

To M^R. SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF &C^A. COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

FORT S^T. GEORGE 4TH JULY 1698.

Our last was dated 16th past sent by Peons on a Boat bound for Vizagapatam wherein we acquainted you of an Interloper ship the Resolution Capt^t: Ethrington arriveing att S^t. Thoma. The next day she sailed from thence for Pollicat where she spent 5 : or 6 dayes without any Trade, and proceeded Northward for Bengall. On the 16th: past wee wrott M^r: Noden, and ordered him to use his endeavours in defeating the Interlopers designs, if they should touch att Metchlepatam and to follow

your orders. wee have advice of 2 or 3 other Interloping ships come, and coming for India, and it is not improbable that one or more may call on the Coast, wee must all use our utmost endeavours to defeat their Trade as occasion requires. We are also advised of three ships belonging to the R^{t}. Honble Company bound for this Coast and may suddainly expect them.

On the 19th past wee received yours of 24th May with Diary, by your two peons whom wee now returne by a Boat bound for Metchlepatam and upon peruseall thereof have resolved as by the inclosed copy of this dayes Consultation, whereunto wee onely adde that since wee don't see how you can avoid withdrawing the Factory there will bee no occasion for presenting Fuckerasaib, with the usuall Pishcash, or at least not exceeding a third part, and when you withdraw Mr. Holcombe may let him know he is ordered to bring all hither, but if he will permitt Mr. Owen to stay till his returne, he will endeavour a resettlement of the Factory in a short time.

You desire us to send you a calculate of your particular Expences. Wee desired you long since to send us one, and when you send it wee will give you an answer. In the meantime wee can onely referr you to the R^{t}. Honble Comp^{s}. Generall orders relating to your Charges.

Wee have this day received a Letter from Amirjeahn advising the Nabobs [*lacuna*] to the granting of Perwannas, tho' not exactly conforme to our design, but wee don't yet know the issue.

Inclosed is the copy of a letter received from Capt. Erle Commander of the Sampson dated 24th : Aprill [. . .] the safe arriveall of severall returning ships [at] the Cape.

We have wrote to Agent and Councill of Bengall to order the Tavestocke to call att your Factory. Itt is probable she will sail from Bengall in the latter end of November or begining of December. In the latter end of September give them advice by Cossid of the number of Bales you shall have in readinesse and of the state of the Factory, whether you intend to withdraw and what room will be necessary in y^{e}. ship for takeing in the Factory remain's that they may order the ships ladeing accordingly. We are

Your Loving friends

NATH^{LL} HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT VZ^{T} :

N° 1. Generall Letter dated 4th July 1698.
2. Copy of Fort St George Consultation 4th July 1698.
3. Copy of Capt. Erles Letter dated 24th April 1698.

No. 105.

TO DAUD CAWN. FORT S^{T} GEORGE 5TH JULY 1698.

I received your Letter concerning Timapa of whom I wrote you the truth before of what I have heard, that he was not the son of the former Taliar, but onely a relation of the Family, and is gone into the woods, I know not where he is or what he doth when he come backe I may understand better, and be able to give you a full account. now what can I say more then I have wrote.

NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.

No. 106.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 2^D^. July 1698.

TO THE HON^BLE^ WILLIAM HATSELL ESQ^R^.
PRESIDENT OF FORT S^T^: GEORGE AND GOVREN^R^
OF FORT S^T^ DAVID &C^A^ COUNCILL.

Since our last of 25th: June, we have received nothing materiall from the Camp [. . .] hourly expect. **Not entered in its due Place.**

Inclosed is Bill of Lading and Invoice for Treasure and stores &c^a^ amount Pag^s^: 3493:6:3:Laden on S^t^. David Brigantine. Our accountant will want your Account Currant for closeing our bookes Ending April last.

By the Danes ship wee received a Letter from Capt: Erle Commander of ship Sampson dat^d^: 24th April from the Cape advising that on the day before as going into the road he saw the Sidney, Charles 2^d^ and Scepter, sailing out for England and the ship King William sailed from thence two months before but we hear no mention of the Madrass merch^t^: and Amity.

Capt: Heron in a Brigantine from Batavia met with the Nassaw Capt: Minty bound for China, and allso an Interloper bound thither whereof Mr Gough was supracargo.

Inclosed is a Commission appointing Michale Smith Ensign. We are

Your affect: friends.

NATH^LL^ HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.
EDW^D^: TREDCROFT.

No. 107.

FORT S^T^. GEORGE 8TH JULY 1698.

[To] THE R^T^: WORPLL: WILLIAM HATSELL
[DEP^TY^] GOVERN^R^ OF FORT S^T^. DAVID &CA [COUNCILL].

Our last was 2^d^: Instant. On the 6th: Instant Ship Martha Capt: Thomas Raines Commander arrived, upon which the Honble Thomas Pitt Esqr: came, and brought a Commission from the R^t^: Honble: Company datd^d^ 6th: of March last appointing him President for their affairs on this Coast &c^a^ and Governour of Fort S^t^: George and Fort St David and a Generall Letter for yourselves dated 26th January 169$\frac{7}{8}$ under a flying seal which comes inclosed, by which you will perceive the R^t^. Honble Comp^a^: have appointed Mr Hatsell Dep^ty^: Govr: of Fort S^t^: David.

On the 4th July came Letters from Amerjeahn, [w^ch^] with other papers relating to his transaction att the Camp haveing been perused by the President since his arriveall, as well as so difficult a point can be considered in so short a time wee have this day resolved to give Amirjeahn Orders for prosecuting ye treaty, and to remitt him money by bills so as the same can be procured.

This day the ship Fame arrived. Both ships have brought considerable stocks, and allso the Anna and Thorndon. Other business doth not at present permitt to inlarge. We are

Your affect: freinds

THOMAS PITT.
NATH^L^: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 108.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 8TH: JULY 1698.

TO M^R: SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF
&C^A COUNCILL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

On the 6th: Instant ship [Martha] anchored in this road upon which the Ho[n'ble Thomas] Pitt Esqr. came with a Commission from the [Rt. Honble] Company dated 5th. January 169 7/8 appointing him President and Governour for their affaires in this Coast &c^a.

Our Letter of the 4th Instant waiting for conveyance the same is hereby confirmed. Whereunto wee adde that the ship Martha will suddainly proceed for Bengall and will call att your Factory, and will bring you four or five thousand Pagodas to be Invested. Lett as many Bales bee gott in readyness as you can, that they may bee laden on the Martha.

There is another ship the Fame of 470 tons arrived this day, one proceeded directly to Bengall and another daily expected here, which have all brought rich stores and wee should bee glad if the circumstances of Vizagapatam Factory would allow of a considerable Investment, there being so great occasion for goods. But by the Martha wee shall write the necessary and remain

Your Loving freinds.

THOMAS PITT.
NATH^LL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDW^d: TREDCROFT.
MATT: EMPSON.

P.S.—Lett as many of the strip'd Beteelas be made according to the Inclosed patterne as you can, and if they could be made finer then your present musters they would turne to better account, thô you give proportionable dearer.

No. 109.

FORT S^T: GEORGE 8TH [JULY] 1698.

TO THE R^T: WORP^LL: CHARLES EYRE ESQ^R:
[AGENT &C^A.] COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

On the 6th Instant Ship Martha Capt: Thomas Raines arrived upon which the Honble Thomas Pitt Esqr: came and brought a Commission from the R^t: Honble: Company appointing him President and Governour for their affaires on this Coast &c^a.

Our Letter of the 4th Instant is hereby confirmed; whereunto att present wee onely adde that the Martha has brought 50 chests treasure for you and the Anna brings you 60 chests (which ship proceeded directly for Bengall) wee design to unlade as much silver from the Martha as can bee coined by the 10th. August to bee sent you by the Fame (this day arrived). In the meantime wee design to send the Martha to you very suddainly with abo[ut] 25 chests of Dollars. Besides the three aforementioned ships the Thorndon is allso daily expected here. By the Martha wee shall write you the necessary and remain

Your affect^e. freinds

THOMAS PITT.
NATH^LL HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDW^D: TREDCROFT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

Nº : 1. Generall Letters dated 4th & 8th July 1698.

2. Generall Letter from Bombay.

3. Copy of Capt. Erles Letter dated 24th April 98.

4. Journall parcells taken out of Fort St George Genll. Bookes QQ from pmo : Janry. 169⅞ to ye ulto : April 98.

5. Fort St: George Accot : Current wth Bengall for Do : time.

6. Jeremiah Peachies accot. as stated by the Court, w h. copy of ye Judgement.

7. Execution Warrant from the Court of Admiralty against the Estate of Jeremiah Peachie.

8. Mr Jeremiah Peachies Jentue & Persia Papers.

9. Two Portuguez comon Prayer bookes recd ℔ ship Martha England.

No. 110.

FORT ST. GEORGE 9TH JULY 1698.

TO THE WORPLL : ABRAM WILMONT
CHEIF FOR AFFAIRES OF THE RT HONBLE
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA COMPA.
IN SADRASSAPATAM.

Wee received your Letter dated [*lacuna*] acquainting that an English Deserter was come to your Factory whom you offer to deliver. Wee desire you will please to deliver the said deserter into the Custody of the bearer Conapa redde Ramana with whom wee have sent three Peons and a cott to bring him, being as wee apprehend a distracted man, and wee doubt has putt you to some trouble and Charge, which the Bearer has orders to repay. Wee returne you hearty thanks for your kind offer, promiseing with all readyness to serve the Rt. Honble Netherlands East India Company upon the like or any other occasion. Wee are

Yor very Loving freinds
THOMAS PITT.
NATHLL : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 111.

TO THE RT : WORPLL : CHARLES EYRE
AGENT &CA : COUNCILL OF BENGALL.

The Bearers hereof are servants belonging to Nabob Zulphaker Cawn by whom they were sent hither with a Letter desireing a passage for them to Bengall to provide [Beetle] wee would have you give them the necessary assistance, and upon their return if there should bee none of the [Rt] Honble Comps. ships bound hither,

give an order to ye Commander of the first Countrey ship bound to this Port to take them in, and allow them necessary accommodation, and agree with them for their Passage. Wee are

Yor: very affect: freinds.

Fort St: George 9th July 1698.

THOMAS PITT.
NATHLL. HIGGINSON.
JOHN STILEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 112.

To MR: PHILIP NODEN ATT METCHLEPATAM.

Since wee wrote you the 16th. past relateing to the Resolution an Interloper who was here at St Thoma wee are advised that she is arrived att Metchlepatam of which wee did expect to have heard from you, and of your dilligence and effectuall defeating them in their opposite Interest to our masters, but instead of that gratefull service you owe them 'tis trumpeted here up and downe that without any opposition they have procured great Priviledges from the Government, and proceed very briskly towards makeing their Investments, wee shall not give [much] Creditt to this report till a further confirmation and cannot thinke you'l forfeit our good opinion of you, as allso render yourselfe soe ungratefull for our Protection hitherto given you, as also of what future incouragement wee intend to give you, you cannot but hear how these parts are infested with Pirates, and 'tis hard to distinguish 'em (as they now distinguish themselves) from those on Honest and Lawfull designs, and so you ought to represent 'em to the Government to prevent any trouble that may happen hereafter to the Company for it has been often known that ships on ill designs have come into Ports on pretence of trade, purely to discover what ships belong to, and when they are departing the Port, we earnes[t]ly presse you to use your utmost endeavours to answere these our desires in defeating these our masters and the Nations enemyes, and that you'l advise us from whom they have received any manner of assistance and incouragement.

On the 6th: Instant ship Martha Capt Thomas Raines Commander arrived from England, upon wch: the Honble: Thomas Pitt Esqr: came and brought a Commission from the Rt: Honble: Company appointing him President for their affaires on this Coast &ca and Governour of Fort St: George & Fort St: David. Wee are.

Yor: Loving freinds

Fort St: George 13th July 1698.

THOMAS PITT.
NATHL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 113.

TO THE HONBLE: LAURENCE PIT[T] COUNCILLR:
EXTRAORDINARY OF INDIA & GOVR: OF NEGAPATM
&CA: COAST OF CHORMANDELL FOR THE AFFAIRES
OF THE RT: HONBLE NETHERLANDS EAST INDIA
COMPANY &CA COUNCILL.

Srs:

Wee received your most obliging Letter of the 10 Inst./30 past and do not in the least doubt but [...]conjoyn with us your utmost endeavours in molesting and defeating

those whose ill designs are equally destructive and pernicious to both our Companys. since wee wrote you last wee hear that the ship is at Metchlepatam whither wee have sent our necessary orders here has lately arrived two ships from England, on one of which is come Thomas Pitt Esq[r] : President & Gov[r] : for the affaires of the R[t] : Hon[ble] our East India Comp[a] : in these parts, who will most dilligently endeavour to keep up the strict alliance & hearty freindship between our two Nations, we all congratulate the safe arrivall of the Hon[ble] : Dirck Comans so committing your Hon[r] : to the Protection of the Almighty wee remain

Fort St : George 15th : July '98.

Your Hon[rs] : most faithfull
freinds & Humble serv[ts] :

THOMAS PITT.
NATH[LL] : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 114.

To AMERJEAHN ATT ZULPHAK[R] : CAWNS CAMP.

My Last Letter to you was the 9th Instant, when I sent you Bills for 7000 Pag[s] : and now according to y[r] desire have sent you another Bill for 1000 Pag[s] drawn by Sunca Rama on Nellacuntee. Now I have sent so much money as you desired, hope you will quickly finish the business and come away and bring with you all the necessary Perwannas, you being an understanding man have no occasion to write more.

Fort St : George 15th July 1698. THOMAS PITT.

No. 115.

FORT S[T] : GEORGE JULY 19TH 1698.

To THE R[T] : WORP[LL] : WILL[M] : HATSELL ESQ[R] :
DEP[TY] : GOVERN[R] : OF FORT S[T] : DAVID &C[A] COUNCILL.

S[rs] :

Wee received yours of 11th : 12 & 16th : Instant in answer to the first wee hourly expect that Amerjeahn has concluded that unlucky affair w[th] : Nabob Zulphaker Cawn, and has paid him the money wee have long since remitted him.

The manner of the Dutches withdrawing from the Nabobs Camp, and the preparations making att Pollicherry seems to foretell some ensuing troubles.

Wee hope that Wooriar Pollam will escape the trouble that is threatned with, otherwise we must dispair of any Investment thence this year.

Wee approve of what you have done in letting out to the old renters your bounds for 4550 Chuckrums a year which hope they will quietly Enjoy, & that speedily the Companys affaires will bee in such a condition, as that you may retrench y[r] : Excessive Expences with Security.

Itt is most certain that your preparations must bee answerable to those of your enemeyes or otherwise you'l make your selves liable to all manner of surprises.

As to yours of the 12th. which seems to bee full of fears and jealousies that the business is not att a conclusion with the Nabob, wee here are of different opinions from a Letter wee received of a later date then what you now sent us from Amerjeahn.

Wee received yours of the 16th: Instant with the severall papers according to your List & shall returne you an answer to every particular by the next, intending to send ship Fame to you by whom shall supply you with all stores wee can conveniently spare, wee every hour expect to hear from Amerjeahn to have concluded that affair, when shall impart itt to you.

Lett the accompanying Letter to Governr Pitt and Council of Negapatam bee forwarded. Wee are

Yor: Loving freinds

THOMAS PITT.
NATH HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 116.

21ST July 1698.

To JUMSHEED CAWNE.

I have received your freindly Letter, wch: gave me not a Little satisfaction, and observe what you write concerning giveing my assistance to Thirchanapollie Rajas Vacquel Oppawna Punthooloo, to which if he requires itt shall readily comply, I esteem you as my real freind & hope you will often acquaint me of your health & prosperity.

THOMAS PITT.

No. 117.

21ST JULY 1698.

To VISSAWNA PUNTHOOLOO, AMEINE.

I enjoy good health wishing to hear the same from you, I have received your two Freindly Letters, and understand the Contents thereof, and in your last write that you are glad to hear of my arrivall, it becomes great men to enquire after such things, after I arrived here was inform'd of your quallity and good Humour, upon which I intended to write to you, but in the meantime received one from you, by the Hands of your Brother in Law Vissawna, upon which I was mightily well pleased, and hope our freindship will daily increase.

You advised me of Delcar Cawnes being robbed, 'Tis true he is the Kings Munsubdar and of the Pattan Cast, he hath 15th: Horse with him, and came to bee your assistant in overhaling the accounts, he is likewise a brave souldier and a carefull man, wch: makes me admire how he could loose so much money in other peoples towne, 'Tis the Custom of Industan that whereever the Munsubdar resides, to be sure he hath alwayes Horse with him, and keeps a strict guard night and day, which is the nature of the Pattan Cast, you being an Ingenious man are well acquainted with these things, And 'tis a Custom all over the world that wherever any robbery is Committed, he ought to acquaint the Cheif of the said Place, upon which the Talliars would bee ordered to inquire strictly about itt, and have satisfaction of them, but not to abuse and beat people, as they did now, as they laid hold on them, the Tilliars seeing this made their escape for fear, and the Cheif Pollygar Jangama Nague hearing that there was 1000 Pags lost, hid himself, in case the Nabob should hear this, wee wod give ye same answer. You write about Chellapaw he is indebted to severall people here, they are now going to referr itt to Arbitration, which so soon as is ended, and given satisfaction will come to you.

Ayangarapau Nague hath sent some of his Cheif people to you and Daussapau so that you now understand the whole business, he now likewise send [. . .].

No. 118.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE, JULY 21ST, 1698.

TO NABOB ZULPHAK^{R} : CAWN.

Some few dayes since I arrived here from England, being sent by my great master Govr: of his affaires in these parts, with strict Commands to preserve an intire freindship between your great masters subjects, and his, and had not indisposition prevented had sooner inquired after your health as well as congratulated the great blessing God almighty has given to your armes which I wish may succeed of which there can bee no doubt, whilst there is so great and so good a man att the head of so victorious an Army, I shall alwayes wish your health and Prosperity, & shall be ever ready to do what may Contribute thereto, I have a Vacqueel att ye Court which I intreat you to returne loaden with your favours.

THOMAS PITT.

No. 119.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE, JULY 21ST, 1698.

TO AMERJEAHN ATT NABOB
ZULPHAKER CAWNES CAMP.

After my arrivall here, designed to write to the Nabob, but in the meantime falling sick prevented it.

I have now writt to the Nabob, and if you find an oppertunity deliver it, and gett them to send an answer, by this conveyance have sent the Nabob a small present which you may receive according to List, and deliver to him and procure the necessary Perwannas, and come away.

No. 120.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE, 22^{D} JULY 1698.

TO AMIRJEAHN ATT NABOB
ZULPHAKER CAWNES CAMP.

After my arrivall here sent you a Bill of Exchange for 7000 : Pag^{s} : and another for 1000 Pag^{s} : of which you have received 3500 : Pag^{s} as appears by Harrieshingoes receipt, but how can I pay itt without your Letter, and I wonder you have not sent one all this time, adviseing how the Companys affaires stands, after I have received a Letter from you, do design to write to the Nabob, and after you have finished your business take the Nabobs leave and come away. With the bearers hereof comes nine Pallenkeen boyes and four Cooleys.

THOMAS PITT.

No. 121.

FORT S^{T} : GEORGE, 22^{D} JULY 1698.

TO AMERJEAHN ATT NABOB
ZULPHAKER CAWNES CAMP.

I received a Letter from Gangawdar which seems to bee wrote by your order, adviseing the receipt of Pag^{s} : 8000 : and that you want 2000 : Pag^{s} : more to

make up the sume to the Nabob, I sho^d^: have taken itt kindly if you had wrote yourselfe as allso have given more Credit to itt, and should have sent you a Bill from hence, but not being assured that the latter is wrote by your order, I give you power to clear a bill on me for the 2000: Pag^s^: and what else is requisite to clear all matters, & that you dispatch and come away, as soon as possible, you have had already 11000: Pag^s^: besides other presents, that has been very chargeable to the R^t^ Honble Company, and it has been, I hope you'll see every thing done effectually, that wee may not meet with the like trouble & charge againe.

THOMAS PITT.

No. 122.

TO BAHAUDAR CAWN PULLAMALLE KELIDAR.

I received your friendly Letter and understand the Contents thereof, and was extreamly well pleased with itt, and do realy believe you are a great fre[ind] to the English; after my arrivall here made it [my] businesse to inquire of what quality you were [. . .] upon which did design to write to you, but in the Interim receiv-ed a Letter from you, which gives me the more reason to believe you have a real kindness for me, so that I hope you'l often acquaint me of your health and Prosperity.

You wrote me concerning Pollygar Tima[pa] but the Cheife Talliar of this Place was Pedda [Nague] and after his decease itt fell to his own son Ayangarapa Nague; and this Timapa is one of his relation's which the whole Town is sensible off, what can I write more.

THOMAS PITT.

Fort S^t^: George 24th July 1698.

No. 123.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE JULY 5TH 1698.

TO HIS xE^CY^: S^R^: JOHN GAYER KN^T^:
CAPT^T^: GENERALL & DIRECTORE IN CHEIF
FOR ALL AFFAIRES & FORCES OF THE R^T^: HON^BLE^:
ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN INDIA
&C^A^ COUNCILL ATT BOMBAY.

May it please yor: Excell^y^. &c^a^:

Our last was 21st June by an Armenian Cossid Duplicate whereof comes inclosed with one date 11th March omitted to be then sent.

On the 30th past wee received a Letter from Capt: William Erle Command^r^: of Ship Sampson dated from the Cape on the 24th April last, adviseing that on the 23^d^ as he stood in for the Cape harbour hee saw the Charles the 2^d^ the Sidney and Scepter standing out of the Road for England, & that the King William departed thence two months before, but he makes no mention of the Amity and Madrass frig^t^: This Letter came by a Danes ship which brings intelligence that two French Ships had sailed from the Cape for Bengall.

By the Articles of peace between France & Holland Poddicherry is to bee delivered to the French before the arrivall of the Articles the Dutch had sent two to the Nabob about Pollicherry &c^a^ and have continued there ever since without con-cluding any part of their business. Yesterday wee are advised from the Camp that the two Dutch men had privately w^th^: drawn from the Camp leaving their Tents behind. About 8 dayes since arrived severall ships from Batavia, on which the Heer Comans is come Govern^r^ of Negapatam and Comissary of this Coast & Govern^r^: Pitts is to repear to Batavia.

Capt: George Heron in a sloop from Batavia on 22^d^ May, met the Nassaw Capt: Minty near Bantam bound for York Fort and China. The supra Cargo Capt: Rawdon

who was Comandr : of the Sarah to China with Mr : Gough last Voyage. They esteem'd itt late and therefore would not call att York Fort, but proceeded for Battavia. It is probable they brought Letters from the Rt Honble Company at least for York Fort if not for Fort St : George, But sent us none. They came out from Cales in the begining of Decembr : last. Capt : Heron 6 dayes before [is] met with Mr : Gough in a new ship of 400 Tons an Interloper bound for Batavia and China, who came from England in January and from Cales in February last, and gives out two ships more are to follow him for China, so that wee have now news of 5 or 6 : Interlopers. Hee also informed that when he left England the Martha and two more ships in the service of the Rt : Honble : Company would bee ready to sail for this Coast in two months.

FORT ST : GEORGE JULY 26TH : 1698.

Srs :

The foregoing was dispatching to you just as the Martha Capt : Raines from England arrived the 6th : Instant in this road on which came Thoms: Pitt Esqr: Commissioned by the Rt : Honble : Company to be President and Governour of their affaires in these parts.

Wee had sooner dispatch'd the Inclosed to you but that wee daily expected an end of our trouble some business about Fort St : Davids. Our Vacqueel Amirjeahn having advised us that he concluded all with the Nabob for 10000 Pags : so that with the three thousand Pagodas wee had long since remitted him and 8000 Pags : more upon the arrivall of President Pitt, which wee expected would have finished all, but contrary to our expectation he has now wrote for 2000 : Pags : more, writing us that he has taken out the Nabobs Perwanna of which wee shall send yo : a Copy as soon as received, this unhappy business will not stand our masters in less then 15000 : Pags : and how long this Nabobs Perwanna may bee of value God knows.

The Fame arrived here the 8th Instant, which wee are just now dispatching for Fort St : Davids wth : stores and some Souldiers, for that some forces of the Nabobs are gathering together near that place, but wee are not assured of their design.

The Dutch are under some apprehensions of the Nabobs making some attempt on Pollicherry, and are making great preparations to resist him.

The Martha Capt : Raines wee shall dispatch in few dayes for Bengall from which place we have not heard since April last so not knowing how affaires stand there are att an uncertainty how we shall dispose of our masters ships, for that if wee were assured yt the Agent &ca in Bengall could Load directly thence the Tavestock which lyes on great demorage, and the Martha wee would Dispatch the Fame hence in September Directly for England, and send the Thorndon when she arrives to the West Coast.

The Anna which wee hope is arrived long since safe in Bengall must lay in for a freight for Persia or if times were settled here that merchants dare under take Investments, wee might bee able to provide for her on this Coast, so as to Dispatch her January next.

Wee here inclose what the Rt Honble Company have wrott us concerning Anjengo, & accordingly shall write them in a day or two.

The 11th : Instant the Diamond Capt : Laurence arrived here from Persia, who brought a Generall Lettr : from Mr Owen &ca dated 30th May last. Inclosed are some Clauses relating to the death of Mr : Barwell &ca and Mr : Thomas Harbins Debt to the Rt : Honble : Company wee shall according to their desire send down a Warrant to the Agent of Bengall for attaching what money or other Effects in the Hands of Mr : Beard belonging to said Harbin.

Wee here Inclose a Letter for our masters which wee desire to bee forwarded by the first oppertunity. Wee are.

Yo^{r}: very Hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:

Thomas Pitt.
Nath: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Edward Tredcroft.
Matt: Empson.

List of the Pacquett to Bombay.

N^{o}: 1. Fort S^{t}: George Generall to R^{t} Honble Comp^{a} dat^{d}. [*sic*].
2. Dittos Generall to Bombay dat^{d}: 5th & 26th July 1698.
3. Fort S^{t}: George Generall dated 11th: March 169$\frac{7}{8}$.
4. Copy of severall Par. of y^{e} Comp^{s}. Generall to Fort S^{t}: George dated 26th. January 169$\frac{7}{8}$ relating to Anjengo.
5. Copy of severall Clauses of a gen^{ll}: from Gombroon dat^{d} 30th May 1698.
6. Letter to the R^{t}: Honble: Company.

No. 124.

Fort S^{T}: George, 27TH July 1698.

To Amerjeahn att Nabob^{s} Zulphak^{R}:
Cawnes Camp.

Your's dated 25th Instant have received. The Nabob sayes I have been here some considerable time and not wrote to him, 'tis true I have, and att my arrivall designed to write to him, but in the meantime fell sick so that was not able, I now write to the Nabob and send him the 20$\frac{1}{4}$ Rupees weight of Ambergreaze and as soon as you find an oppertunity present it to him, requesting of him to send an answer to my Letter. I wrote you before that what money y^{o} sho^{d}: have occasion for might draw a bill upon me for it, & hope y^{o} have acted accordingly. Get the necessary Perwannas and come away as soon as possible what can I write more, y^{o} being a man of great parts.

Thomas Pitt.

No. 125.

Fort S^{T}: George July 28TH: 1698.

To the R^{T}. Worp^{LL}: Will^{M} Hatsell Esq^{R}:

Dept^{Y}. Govern^{R}: of Fort S^{T}: Davids &c^{A} Councill.

Wee received yours of the 18th. 23^{d}. and 25th. Instant in the former wee take notice what preparation the moors are making; and doubt not but that you are to provide as to prevent any surprise, yours of the 23^{d}. 'tis much of the same purport with the former upon the ship Fame wee have sent a serjeant and 29 Souldiers, and the Capt: of the ship is to land 25 of his men with them according to his Charterparty.

Wee have sent you all the stores wee can spare for a particular of which referr to the Invoice, and have allso sent you ten thousand Pagodas. The Mortivan jarrs you write for are not procureable here.

By yours of the 25th wee perceive you are misinform'd as to our negotiation with Amerjeahn att the Camp for that long since wee remitted him 8000 Pagodas,

and wrote him severall Letters, but could gett no answer from him, but att last he vouchsaf'd to order his Bramine to write us that he had received the money, and for us to send him 2000: Pagodas more, but he not writeing himself wee gave little Creditt to the Letter yet neverthe Lesse wee wrote to Amerjeahn to take up 2000: Pagodas, and draw a bill upon us for it. Yesterday wee received a Letter from him, Copy of it's Translate comes inclosed, wee immediately Dispatcht the Presid^ts. Letter to the Nabob with the Ambergrease he wrote for. the Gentue Letter mentioned to bee inclosed in your last was a mistake.

The men belonging to the ship wee would not have you Land without there bee occasion, for that they'l bee but a Charge to the Company, and those we send you hence wee order you possitively to be returned by the same ship, who you are to dispatch to us with all convenient Expedition, if you have any Bale goods by you, it will not be amiss to put y^m: aboard to send hither.

Wee have perused and considered of the List of Debts standing on your Bookes, which we now returne you, and thinke you ought to clear those which are marked with a Cross By Proffitt and Loss and the rest you may clear by Account Current Fort S^t: George, and wee will take them into our Bookes provided you send us each mans account with y^e. Journall parcells to explain them, you must Transfer to acco^t: Currant no more then the real value of Conimeer Factory House and Garden, and clear the Difference by Proffitt and Losse.

Wee have examined your account Current with our Bookes, and agree except fan^s. 10: 3^ca: short Credited us for the Losse by assay of 9 Pag. wee debting you Pagodas 1: 23: 3 and you Creditt us but Pag^s. 1: 13 you must Credit us for the difference.

Wee shall for account sake debt you to Robert Masfen Pag. 700: for your Bill drawn on us payable to him, the money not being paid him till the 3^d: of May, that our Current Bookes may agree, we wait for your Ballancing your Bookes that we may bring into ours the Foot of your Proffitt & Loss, and salary payable in England wch. send us so soon as you [. . .]

All the Lead upon ship Fame is Invoiced to you that you may take so much thereof on shore as you shall have occasion, and return the Reminder to us.

Inclosed is a List of Souldiers whose wives are here some of whom Complain their Husbands make no provision for their maintenance, and are known to bee in great want wee shall pay here 20 fanams to y^e. Wives of the Musteez and 30 fanams to the Wives of the English, unless you shall satisfy us by the next y^t: any of them are otherwise provided for by their husbands. Wee are

Your affect: freinds

Thomas Pitt.
Nath^ll: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Edwd: Tredcroft.
Matt: Empson.

List of the Pacquett V^zt:

N^o: 1. Fort S^t: George Generall dated 28th: July 1698.
2. Translate of Amirjeahns, Letter rec^d: 26th July 98.
3. Copy of two Par. of the Auditor Gener^lls: Lett^r: dat^d: 7th: July 97.
4. List of Soldiers who take their passage on ship Fame.
5. List of Souldiers at Fort S^t: David whose wives are at F. S^t: Geo.
6. List of Sundrys returned.

No. 126.

To CAPT: ROBERT BETTON COMR: OF SHIP FAME.

Haveing Laden aboard your ship what designed. Wee order you upon receipt hereof to repair aboard and with the first oppertunity of wind and weather to weigh Anchor sett sail, and make the best of yr: way for the most speedy attaining of the Port of Fort St: David, where when arrived you are to deliver our Pacquett herewith delivered you as directed to the Rt: Worpll: William Hatsell Deputy Governr: &ca: Councill att Fort St: David to whom you are consigned, and whose orders you are to follow for your unlading, Lading and returne. There goes upon your ship a Serjeant and 19. Souldiers whom you are to send ashore att Fort St: David and 25 of your ships Company (according to the Provision made in your Charterparty) if required by the Deputy Governour and Councill. Wee wish you a good voyage and date these in Fort St: George this 28th: day July 1698.

THOMAS PITT.
NATHLL. HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 127.

To THE WORPLL: JOHN BRABOURNE
COMMODORE &CA: COUNCILL AT ANJENGO.

SRS:

The 6th: past here arrived in this Road from England the Martha Capt: Raines on which ship came Thomas Pitt Esqr. President and Governour for the Rt: Honble: Comps: affaires in these parts, in the Generall Letter then received there are severall Clauses relating to you, which we here remit you, desiring you to peruse them very strictly, and follow our masters orders, more particularly in yt part which enjoynt you to good Husbandry.

Your's of the 5th: of May we received the 27th: June your Invoice by the Sedgwick wee have received & have given Bombay Creditt for the 5 ₽ cent on the Lead amounting to fans: 296. 9. as allso rectifyed the mistake in the Invoice sent you wch: was 10 Pags:

Wee should bee glad to hear all matters were reconciled between you and the Natives, and that your Investments of pepper were so considerable as to answere our masters expectation and Charge.

Wee hope our troubles att Fort St: Davids are drawing to an end, for that Amirjeahn writes us from ye Camp that he is possessed of the Nabobs Perwanna which wee daily expect.

Here are four ships come out for this side, the Anna gone directly for Bengall, the Martha is here bound thither also in few dayes, the Fame arrived the 8th: past who wee have sent to Fort St : David, and to returne hither againe, the Thorndon wee daily expect her arrivall, they all come with good stocks, att the departure of these ships from England, there were three of our Masters ships fitting out for your parts with good Cargoes, and, 'twas thought two men of warr will come with them to clear these parts of the Pirates. 'tis supposed that some Interlopers may come where you are for Pepper. wee doubt not but you'l use your utmost endeavours to defeat them in which you'l discharge your trust, and render your service acceptable to the Company. we have not to adde but remain

Your Loving freinds

Fort St: George pmo. August 1698.

THOMAS PITT.
NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

No. 128.

FORT S^T^: GEORGE 6TH AUG^T^: 98.

TO AMERJEAHN ATT ZULPHAKER CAWN'S CAMP.

This day I received a Letter from you with your Bill of Exchange for 1000 : Pag^{s} : payable to Herresing which I have already paid.

The Nabob not approving of my Chop upon my Letter sent him, for the future shall alwayes use the Companys, it being none of my fault, but the Persia writers who made it up.

Concerning the Date of the Perwanna, you write me you have desired the Nabob to give the date for three yeares hence you know the Customs of the Indostan Country, and the Durbars, pray consider well with yourself whether it will not be a prejudice to the R^{t} Honble Companys affaires hereafter, by your means a great sume of money has been paid for the procury of the Perwannas for their affaires to goe on Currently, having wholy confided in you in this affair. I hope you have received all the Perwannas according to my desire, & will come away as soon as possible you can, having a great desire to see you.

THOMAS PITT.

No. 129.

FORT S^{T}: GEORGE AUGUST 9TH: 1698.

TO M^{R}: SIMON HOLCOMBE CHEIF
&C^{A} COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

S^{RS}:

Our last to you was the 8th Instant since which have not heard from you, with this wee dispatch the Martha to you with Pagodas 5000 : which wee would have you invest to the best advantage of our masters, wee here inclose a List of goods the Company have wrote for this year, and if any of the newest sort be procureable with you we would have you Invest the 5000 : Pag^{s} : in those sorts . the uncertainty of the Government have occasioned our resolve that you Lade aboard the Martha w^{t} : Bales you have ready, and that you detain the ship in your road no longer then four dayes for fear of loosing her passage to Bengall. ℘ Ship Martha.

We here inclose what relates to your Factory in the Companys Generall Lre to us, and what mentioned of you in the Auditor Generalls Letter to w^{ch} : wee expect you send your answer.

If by means of troubles in your parts goods are not to be had, wee would have you if possible invest this 5000 : Pag^{s} : or what else money you have of the Companys in Rice Paddy, and other provisions fitting for this Garrison, and freight them up as soon as the monsoon will permitt, wee shall order a ship from Bengall to call on y^{o} in her return hither . wee expect that if any Interlopers arrive near you that you doe your utmost to disapoint them.

Advise the Agent & Councill of Bengall of ye state of your Factory in respect to the Government, and what quantity of Bales you may have ready by the latter end of November or begining of Decemb^{r} : Wee are

Yo^{r} : Loving freinds

THOMAS PITT.
NATH^{LL} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.
MATT : EMPSON.

P.S.
The lateness of the season requires your giving the ship a speedy dispatch, therefore you must not detain her above two dayes if you can possible Lade your bales in that time.

LIST OF THE PACQUET.

No: 1. Generall Letter dated 10th August 98.
2. Copy of the List of Goods to be provided on the Coast.
3. Copy of the Auditor Generall's remarks on Vizagapm accots.
4. Bill Lading for 5000 Pags Laden on the Martha.
5. Invoice of Ditto.

No. 130.

TO THE RT: WORPLL: [CHARS: EYRE] ESQR:
AGENT &CA COUNCILL [IN BENGALL.]

℔ Ship Martha.

[. . . wrote you] severall Letters, but rece[ived none from] you since April last, wth: this wee dispat[ch the Mar]tha to you, who have lain longer here (putting [out] her coals and Lead) then we intended.

Wee have coined what Rupees wee could during her stay here, of which you have an Invoice here Inclosed, wee are jealouse here of the integrity of our mint, and desire you to advise us, what 100: weighty Dollars produces in your mint att Rajamaull, yt: if our coining here bee a prejudice to the Company wee may for the future desist, thô att this time by reason of the troubles in your parts itt may be a conveniency to coin here being hazardous to send to your mint.

Wee have ordered the Martha to stop at Vizagapatam and take in what Bales are ready there, which you may lade on what ship you please for England, wee hope you'l bee able to Dispatch directly from Bengall the Tavestock and Martha the former lyes att great demorage, so that 'twill be a service to the Company to dispatch her first. the Anna wee suppose will allso be dispatched directly but if you cannot dispatch the Martha and that she returne early hither about halfe loaden, wee shall bee able to fill her up, she must call [. . .] comes up wee resol[ved . . . Fa]ctory.

[. . .]her wee desire you to load on [. . .] the stores as ℔ List here sent [. . .] bee the best of the sorts, for [. . .] just cause to complaine part [. . .] the wheat and sugar you sent us [. . . w]heat full of wormes, and not fitt for bre[ad] and the sugar thô Tessindy very black.

From the extraordinary dryeness of the weather here wee have reason to fear that graine will be dear ys year, so that wee desire you to use your utmost endeavours to freight up ships for the Rt Honble: Companys account with about 40000: maund of rice, and if possible let itt be most ps. Concha boyld rice for that keeps, best and pray incourage what ships you can to come hither with provisions.

Wee here inclose what relates to you in ys Comps. Generall Letter to us wch: we doubt not but you will take care to answer.

If you could procure us three or four able men from the mint att Rajamaul to instruct ours here for they pleade Ignorance in coynage of silver, & if you could spare Mr: Sheldon (who has had large experience in the mint) he may come up with the first ship, and returne in April.

Wee here inclose a warrant to attatch what money Mr. Beard has in his hands of Mr. Harbent, the reason for our soe doeing wee referr you to a clause (wee here inclose) wee received in a Letter to us from Persia.

Our unhappy business att Fort St: David is concluded as Amerjeahn our Agent att the Camp writes us, who is possessed of the Perwannas, and daily expected here, the charge will come near to Pags: 15000.

Wee recommend to your favour the affaires of Mrs: Croke, that you'l see that what her Husband left bee disposed off to the best advantage, and that you'l gett in his bonds that are standing out in the merchants Hands.

Capt: Cockroft has complained here of yr: making him pay rupees 150 for a butt of Sherry missing of what he received out of the Martha last voyage, by the

Pursers booke now showed us itt appears he rec^{d}: but 240 pipes the mistake was made by his boatswaine who gave a receipt for 25. Wee desire you to examine itt and do him justice therein.

M^{r}: Proby expects to hear that his ship called the Mamoody William Ryder Comãnder is arrived in Bengall from Acheene, and hears that there are differences between the Noquidah and Commander wee request your assistance to the Comãnd^{r}: soe far as consists with the R^{t}: Honble: Comp^{s}: Interest.

Inclosed is ship Martha's Charterparty & Copy of the Instructions delivered the Comãnder by the R^{t} Honble: Company.

M^{r}: Simon Musgrave takes his passage on the Martha, whose Father has been, and is a very great freind to our masters att Home we recommend him to you to shew him what favour, and countenance lyes in your power. Wee are

Your very affect: freinds

THOMAS PITT.
NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT ℘ SHIP MARTHA.

N^{o}: 1. Generall Letter dated 10th August 1698.
2. List of stores wanting in Fort S^{t}: George.
3. Par: of the Comp^{s}: Generall to Fort S^{t}: George dat^{d}: 26 Jan^{ry} 9$\frac{7}{8}$.
4. Warrant from the Court of Admiralty for attaching the effects of Thomas Harbin in the hands of Mr. Beard.
5. Copy of Paragr̃: of Gombroon Generall dat^{d}. 30th: May ·98.
6. Charterparty of ship Martha.
7. Copy of the Comp^{s}: Instructions to Capt: Raines.
8. Invoice of w^{t} laden on ship Martha.
9. Bill Lading of Ditto.

No. 131.

TO CAP^{T}: THOMAS RAINES
COM^{R}: OF SHIP MARTHA.

Having Laden and continued on board your ship what designed for Bengall wee order you upon receipt hereof to repair aboard your ship & with the first oppertunity of wind and weather weigh Anchor, sett saile and make the best of your way for the most speedy attaining of the Port of Bengall where when arrived you are to deliver our Pacquet herewith delivered you as directed to the R^{t}: Worp^{l}: Charles Eyre Agent &c^{a} Councill to whom you goe consigned and whose orders you are to follow for your unlading, Lading and further proceeding. In your Passage to Bengall you are to touch at Vizagapatam, and deliver our Pacquett herewith deliverd you to Mr. Simon Holcombe Cheif &c^{a} Councill, & to put ashore the Treasure Laden on board your ship for that Place. It's convenient for your more speedy dispatch that you bring your ship to an Anchor so near the shore as you can with safety for

receiving such Bales or other goods on board as they shall Lade on you for Bengall. So wishing you a good Voyage wee date these in Fort St George this ninth day of August 1698.

THOMAS PITT.
NATHLL HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 132.

TO THE WORPLL JOHN BRABOURNE
COMMODORE &CA COUNCILL AT ANJENGO.

Wee had the perusall of your Letter of the 12th: Past to the late Governour, 'tis no wonder to us, what the Dutch report, but the truth is that the Peace between France, England, Spaine, and Holland was concluded in Septemr last, but the Emperour did not sign till about a month after. my Lord Portland was gone Embassadour from our King to France about a fortnight before President Pitt left England, all which time the King of Spain was living, he had been very ill but was perfectly recovered, the King of Poland dyed two yeares since, the King of France endeavour'd to get the Prince of Conti to succeed who went over in Person, spent a great deal of money but was baffl'd by the Duke of Saxony, who is now King of Poland.

The preparations the Dutch are a makeing we cannot tell what to judge of it, but doe you take all possible care of yourselves, for to be sure they are none of your freinds in that Place where you are, if they make any application to the Queen you may bee assured tis to out you, therefore you must bee upon your guard. Wee suppose you are not strangers to the Indrapore businesse. doubtless you have full In[s]tructions from Bombay 'twill be no wayes pleasing to our masters to hear that their Cash is expended in Fortifications and noe trade to reinburse them.

Wee have no Proclamations nor Articles of Peace that wee can send you, wishing you may settle all matters to the best advantage of our masters. Wee are

Yor: Loving freinds

Fort St: George August 13th: 1698.

THOMAS PITT.
NATHLL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 133.

TO THE RT: WORPLL: WILLM HATSELL ESQR:
DEPYTY: GOVERNR OF FORT ST: DAVID &CA COUNCILL.

SRS:

Wee received yours of the 6th: and 9th: Instant as to what you desire in relation to the ballancing of your books 'tis here fully answered, as also the jealousyes of approaching troubles for the Perwanna Horses and seerpaws are in possession of Amirjeahn and yesterday wee received a Letter from him that he onely stay'd for

the Duans Perwanna which he did not doubt in very few dayes, but wee observe the Perwanna is dated before the taking of Chingee the reasons for w[ch]: wee shall expect from Amirjeahn.

As to yours of the 9th: in which you desire more guns you cannot but remember the frequent and strict charge, wee have had from our masters prohibiting us, converting their Cash into dead stocke you had severall guns sent you, but a little time before these last, soe cannot consent to your buying any more without being convinc'd of the necessity more then appears to us att present.

Wee desire you to send us an account what guns you have mounted in and about the garrison, and if there bee an urgent necessity that some more bee mounted att Cuddalore you may take 'em from such Places where least wanted, or not att all necessary in your Garrison, besides the President will not part with those 6 Demi Culverin he bought of Cap[t] Betton att the price he did those, bought of Cap[t] Raynes.

Wee shall Creditt you by Pryaman settlement Pag[s]: 11. 22. 5. for M[r]. Blackwalls Debt, and state Mr. Constables and Griffiths acco[t]: our Bookes after you have Transferred them to us.

Wee think the clearing the difference of Connimeer Factory &c[a] Debts by Proffit and Loss is most agreeable to the Auditor Generalls order, but if you thinke otherwise you may clear it by stock to comply with the Auditor Generalls order wee will give you Credit for the 20 fanams, sent att twice to be paid though our Accomptant sayes he knows nothing of itt, you ought to bear the Charges of the Comissary Generalls Journey to your Factory, therefore if you have not given us Credit for it do it now.

Our accomptant hath drawn out the difference between our accounts and yours which you are to Enter in your Bookes, Ending April last and w[t] remaines for us to Enter in our Bookes ending then shall bee Entred that our account remaines may agree, send us the Foot of your Account Proffit and Losse & salary payable in England so soon as you can. Our bookes lye open for want of itt. Wee are

Yo[r]: affect: freinds

Fort S[t]: George August 15th: 1698.

Thomas Pitt.
Nath[ll]: Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Edw[d]: Tredcroft.
Matt: Empson.

No. 134.

Fort S[t]. George 18th August 1698.

To Jumsheed Cawn.

I esteem you as my reall freind, for which reason I now write to you, and hearing of the Death of y[r]. Lady hath been a great greife to me, altho' I write to you now 'twill not in any wise asswage it, but god almighties will must bee, 'tis what wee must all undergoe, soe that you being an understanding man hope you'l not greive yourself, but endure it with patience.

Relating to our Hon[ble] Companys affaires I hear you have been mightily assisting, for which return you my hearty thanks, and I hope our freindship will still increase, you being an ingenious man, what need I inlarge.

Thomas Pitt.

No. 135.

Fort St : George Augt : 20th : 1698.

To Mr. Phillip Noden att Metchlepatam.

℣Boat. Wee received yours unto which shall give you a Plenary answere by Mr. Lovell who is coming overland, this comes by boat on which are six Peons, and severall boxes and Chests &ca which are to be taken ashore, and carryed to our Factory, wee allso order that the Peons have a Room appointed 'em for their security till Mr. Lovell comes. Wee are

Your Loving freinds

Thomas Pitt.
Nathll : Higginson.
John Styleman.
Francis Ellis.
Thomas Wright.
Edward Tredcroft.
Matt : Empson.

No. 136.

To the Seerlascar of the corlingga Country : Faukerloota Cawn.

Entd. You have often times write to me to send some people to Metchlepatam &c to settle there and carry on ye trade as formerly upon your Cowle I have sent Mr : Thomas Lovell, to trade there according to ancient custom, I hope you will show all freindshipp you can towards them, and permitt them to goe on wth : there business cheerfully without any hindrance, as it was formerly by wch : our friendship will daily increase, and the revenues of the Country will daily increase. I hope you will confirme your fathers severall Cowles ; what assistance yo show to my people shall be esteem'd as a great favour by me.

Tho : Pitt.

No. 137.

ffort St : George Augt : 20th : 1698.

To the Worshippll : Mathw : Mildmay Esqr :
Depty : Govr : &ca : Councell att York ffort.

Srs :

Entd. This comes by way of Acheen to advice you that ye ne [. . .] mon : wee will dispatch an Europe ship hence to you wth . five chests of Dor : we would have you provide for her about three hundred tuns of pepper, soe that it bee well garbled & give her a quick dispatch for England.

If great quantityes of pepper are procurable make use of wt : private mens money you have and draw bills on us for it, If an oppertunity serves and you can spare it, wee would have you freight hither two hundred tuns of pepper & If any Interlopers appear on yor. coaste you are to use yor : utmost endeavours to defeat them by buying up all the pepper from them or otherwise you may depend on freequent & large supply's who are.

Srs :

Yor : Lo : ffriends

Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Tho : Wright.
Matt : Empson.

No. 138.

FFORT S^{T} : GEO : AUG^{T} : 23^{D}: 1698.

To MR : SYM : HOLCOMBE CHEIFE &CA : ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

Wee have sent Mr : Thomas Lovell & Mr : Will : Woolston to Metchlapatam, to procure such goods as the Rt : Honble : Compy have wrote for this year & are not procureable in these parts wee advice you to give them yor : assistance that in case they should have any cowle or countenance from the seerlascar or his letter of recomendacon to the Govr. of Metchlapatam that you use your endeavours to procure it & that you correspond wth : them giveing them such advises as may be to the advantage of our masters we are Entd.

Srs.

Yor : Loveing ffriends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILL : FFRASER.
FFRAN : ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 139.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE AUG^{T} : 25TH : 1698.

To AMER JEAN ATT THE CAMP.

Wee recd : yours of ye : 16th : instant and will take a convenient Oppertunity to secure those ffamily's you desire, wee impatiently wait yor : comeing wth : the Perwanna's till when wee can't proceed in Our Investments att ffort St. Davids for yt the late troubles there had soe intimidated the Merchants that they will not touch any of our money; therefore I must press you speedily to bring or dispatch the Perwanna's to us, about two days since there has bin a bill brought mee of yors : for a thousand Pagodoes wch : I thought nott safe to pay haveing nott a word of advice from you about itt : I must againe repeat my Earnest request to you to bring us Our Perwanna's wth : all possible expedition. Wee are Entd.

Yr : affectionate ffreinds

THO : PITT.
JNO : STYLEMAN.
WM : FFRASER.
FRAN : ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THO : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 140.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE AUG^{T} : 25TH : 1698.

To THE RT : WORSHIPPLL : WM : HATSELL
ESQR : DEPTY : GOVR : OF FFORT ST :
DAVIDS &CA : COUNCILL.

Srs :

Wee recd yours of the 15th and 19th the latter by the ffame, and had sooner answer'd yor : former butt that wee dayly expected Armer Jean, and wee fear wee are to be kept under Expectation only but wee shall write him a letter this Day Entd.

pressing his leaveing the Camp or sending us the Perwannas by some good hand for that two days ago he drew a bill upon us for another thousand Pagodoes but not a word of advice.

Wee did intend ye Investments to bee in the same sorts of goods as wee have Contracted for here, soe have sent you the list of what goods our Masters Expect by the return of these Shipps soe that if you can Invest to y^e^: acco: of about thirty thousand Pagodoes in indifferent goods from Ours soe farr as you can & wee would have you finish this Investment as soone as possible wee here send you the Copy of our contract w^th^: the merch^s^: butt Expect that there will be more then 2 ℘ Cent Difference in ye Prizes otherwise Our Master for ye future will not have that value for ffort S^t^: Davids, nor will they ever think it soe advantagious to them as itt has been hitherto represented wee shall be able to Exceed the sume of thirty thousand Pag^ds^: unless the Thorndon arrives, for that wee have sent Mr Lovell and Mr Woolston to Metchlepatam to try what Investments they can make in such goods as are nott procureable in these parts, for tis a sortment something of all sorts of goods, that renders a Cargo valuable in Europe, and wee would if possible procure all or as many as wee can of those sorts Our Masters have wrote for, wee have made no Investment in Succatams, Expecting that they were much ch[eaper] w^th^: you then here, of w^ch^: pray send us a muster to make an experim^tt^. Wee did nott Expect the returne of the ffame till you had heard from us for that wee thought itt convenient she should remaine wth you till the Perwanna's had arriv'd w^ch^: you had likewise requested of us in y^r^: former Letters and when you desired more guns for Cuddolore, had you wrote us that they were to be mounted in the roome of severall small Guns wch are useless, and could have bin spar'd for sale wee had agreed to ye takeing those out of ye ffame butt by the ship that brings away the Guns you then writ us that you could have spared soe many Guns to Equall the Charge of those so that for ye future pray give us timely advices that wee may give such orders as may not meet w^th^: undeserved censures Wee shall pay the bill to Capt: Belton for a hundred & Eighty Pagodoes when demanded.

Yo^r^: affectionate ffriends.

Tho: Pitt.
John Styleman.
Willm: ffraser.
ffran: Ellis.
Roger Braddyll.
Tho: Wright.
Matt: Empson.

List of the Pacquett.

N°: 1 Generall Letters dated 25th: Aug^t^: 98.

N°: 2. List of Goods sent out by the R^t^: Honble: Compy provided on ye coast 1698.

N°: 3. Copy of ffort S^t^: George merch^ts^: Contract in 60000 Pagodoes dated 1 Aug^t^: 1698.

No. 141.

Aug^t^: 25th: 1698.

To Bauhauder Cawn Phousder of the Pollemalli Country.

Ent^d^. I am inform'd that your people do demand more Custome then was usually paid, it was formerly but 2 dudoes & 2 Cash now their demand is for every peice of cloth 2 cash, this is contrary to Sallabad but beleive this is done w^th^:out your knowledge knowing you to be an ingineous man you would never issue out such orders I hope you will check your Serv^ts^: for their so doeing and order them to act according to Sallabad, if you are assistant to the R^t^: Honble: Comp^y^: Merch^ts^: I shall always acknowledge myself Obleidged to you

Y^r^: affectionate ffriend
Tho: Pitt.

No. 142.

Augt: 25 1698.

To Amein Vizawna.

Your kind letter I have recd the contents thereof understand according to the Nabobs Perwanna you designe for ye Camp I hope God almighty will assist you in your Journey concerning Dellel Cawnes business. a man who had 15 Horse, and severall Peons to be robbed seems strange to me, as also among Souldiers, you being an ingenious man may Judge what answere can be given to such an affair what can I write more. You may command me to further Service. Entd.

Yor: affectionate ffreind.

Thomas Pitt.

No. 143.

ffort St: George Augt: 26th: 1698.

To Amerjeahn att the camp.

You wrote as formerly to take an oppertunity to seize Dorripas Wife and family wch: as yett we have had noe oppertunity to doe but this day beside the business there hapned a verry great provocation from Dorripa wch: Occasions our sending some soldrs: to Trivilicane to seize him and brought him prisoners to the ffort the occation is this one of our merchants was sending about 200 pagodoes of goods to Caverypauke for wch: they payd their Juncane but as soon as they clered there Dorripa sends some moores horsemen after them who seized the goods for a debt that Dorripa ordered them wch: they said they did by Dorripa's Order and to confirme that it was his order hee offers to mortgage Townes to pay for the goods tis such a peice of Villany that never was practized before & hope that the Nabob will never countenance him in itt for if hee shall order to be seized merchts: goods when they have payd the Kings customes to pay his debts there is an end of all trade and twill be impossible for us to preserve a Friendshipp wth: the Nabob, this is the truth and you may depend on [itt]. Entd.

Yor: affectionate ffreind

Tho: Pitt.

No. 144.

ffort St: George Augt: 27th: 1698.

To Bauhaudee Cawne Govr: of Pullmully ffort.

I recd yor: most obleidgeing letter by wch: I perceive you are a lover of Honr and Justice wch: indu[c]es me to give you this second trouble, Yesterday one of our Merchts: was sen[ding] about 200 pagodoes of goods to Caverypauke the goods payd the Kings Customs for wch: the mercht tooke Accot: but what they were a little way, passing on the Kings high way from the custome house some Horsemen came up to them & seiz'd the goods telling them that they had bought the goods of Dorripa for 1000 rupees who wee have seized and secured here Dorripa sayes those men that took the goods are highway men these goods wee have are brought into the Governmt: wee have sent several persons to hinder the carrying of them Further to whom wee desire yor: assistance & Justice in this matter & that you returne as our goods againe wch: action of Justice will answere the great Character you have in this Country, for if the Officer att the Kings Junca place will send the merchts: goods to pay his own debts there must be an end of all trade and ffriendshipp.

Yor: affectionate ffriend

Tho: Pitt.

No. 145.

FORT ST: GEORGE AUGT: 28TH: 1698.

TO AMERJEAHN ATT THE CAMP.

I recd. yors: of the 23d instant and will pay the[summe] of pagodoes: one thousand wee have recd the copy of the Danes perwanna I wrote you the 25th about Dorripa who wee sett att liberty that night hee [gave] his noate & security for the vallue of the goods [which] are carryed clear away, Wee find that Vissina [the] Amiene has a hand in this that the accot: of these [goods] & his horse was to make up the sume hee Ord[ered] the Amien You must use yor: utmost endeavours to gett the Dorripa to bee made an Example if not must leave of all trade besides wee will not suffer lett ye consequence bee wt itt will Wee send you a Copy of his Obligation and Mauhazar this Dorripa after hee [. . .] the Kings customes here [*lacuna*] detaines the goods [tenn] dayes and extorts money from the mercht. The Coppy of the Mauhauzar shall come tomorrow.

Yor: affectionate ffriend,

THO: PITT.

No. 146.

FORT ST: GEORGE AUGT: 29TH 1698.

TO AMER JEAN ATT THE CAMP.

I wrote you yesterday and must againe press you to prosecute this business of Dorripas I wrote to ye Govr: of Pullmolly to stop the goods there by the inclosed paper you see wt. answere he returnes by wch; tis plaine that this Villian Dorripa delivered the goods to Vissana ye Amene to ballance his accot with him Dorripa paying for the goods is not sufficient satisfaction butt you must find out some way to make him an Example, There was one Dalile Cawne a Patan, who commanded fifteen horse came wth: the Amene as an assistant to gather in the Kings rents they tooke up their residence att Trivilicane and in a short time after the Patanna pretends to be robed to the value of about 400 pagodoes but can give noe accot: how-or wch; way he was robed soe that I alwayes looke upon itt as a roguery and a villany so that I cannot but think he will be ashamed [to make] any Complaint if these [. . . .] continue [. . .] prepare for war [. . . . . .].

No. 147.

FFORT ST: GEORGE SEPTBR: 2D 1698.

TO THE RT: WORSHIPPLL:
WM: HATTSELL ESQR: &cA COUNCILL.

Wee recd. yors: by Mr: G[o]mes and did expect by this you would have sent us a muster of succatunes & Commees wth: ye prizes. The Thorndon arrived here the 29th in the Evening next morning the letters came ashoare being only Coppy's of that by the Martha & ffame, the ship departed the Downes 6th of March & in her passage splitt her foremastt mizon mast & all her top mast soe as yet have not resolved here to dispose of her.

Wee could wish yt some of the merchts: would contract wth: you for the provideing against the latter end of Decembr to ye amount of twenty or thirty thousand pagodoes of such sorts of goods mentioned in the first sent you and wee will pay

them their money as soone as their goods ex[p]orted to this wee desire yor : answere in ye next for twill bee of great advantage to ye Comp^{y} If they can be furnished wth : goods without impress money we are yor affectionate ffreinds

Tho : Pitt.
Jno: Styleman.
W^{m}: Fraser.
ffran : Ellis.
Rog : Bradyll.
Tho : Wright.
Matt : Empson.

No. 148.

Septb^{r} : 4th : 1698.

To the Shabandar
of Acheen.

The R^{t}. Honble English East India Comp^{y} haveing appointed me Governour of ffort S^{t} : George I take this oppertunity for continuance of the good ffriendship which I perceive hath been between you and my predecessors. The late Governour hath communicated to me your Letter to him wherein you desire him to send you two peices of fine scarlett cloth and Allumgeer's Rupees for some Acheen Gold which an Armenian called Herapeet left in his hands. In persuance of w^{ch} : I have now caused to bee sent you by this ship S^{t} : Antonio two peices of fine scarlett & 515 Rupees w^{ch} : cost Pagodoes 250 : 26 : the full amo^{t} : of the Gold coined in our mint for w^{ch} : Inclose the masters bill of Lading and an account of their Cost I desire you to send the Receipt wch Herapeet gave you for the Gold, I desire your favour of M^{r} : Soames as [occasion] shall require [I have or]der'd him to [continue] sending more considerable effects to your Port for [. . .] you protect such men as M^{r}. Dillon who owes great [sum] of money to severall of our Kings subjects, Merchants [. . .] will bee unwilling to bring their ships into your Port.

Sent by Ship S^{t} : Antonio by the Govern^{r} : of Madrass to the Shabandar of Acheen.

2 peeces Scarlett fine Cloth cost Pa :	100	0	0
515 : Rup^{s} : in one bag at 342 rup^{s}: for 100 Pagodoes.	150	26	0
	250	26	0

Yo^{r} : affectionate ffriend.

Tho : Pitt.

No. 149.

Septb^{r}. 9th : 1698.

To the Naeob Zulphaker
Cawn.

I have recd yor : Ex^{cys} : severall Perivana's and understand the contents thereof at ye receipt of yor : Perivanna I payd Hodge Mohomud Allie, 1200 pagodoes for last years [rent] as for the Paddy merch^{ts} : of S^{t} : Thoma you write aboute I know nothing of ye matter & hope yor . Excellency will check those that were plundred by the Pyrats they are a parcell of Rogues mixt wth : severall Nations they have plundred some of the R^{t} : Honble : Compys Ships, w^{ch} : every one knows tis is no private thing. Some time agoe they plundred a Ship belonging to the Dutch Govern^{r} : but before that w^{tt}: [ever] prisoners they took put them together on an

Island [and] after the Dutch ship was taken they put them all [in] that Ship w^th : one English prisioner giveing them [. . .] liberty to goe where they please. That same Ship [came] to this Port when the prisoners went every one his way then ye said ship was delivered to the Dutch this is nothing but what is true therefore thought it proper to acquaint yor : Excellency w^th : itt.

Yo^r : affectionate ffreind
THO. PITT.

No. 150.

SEPTB^R. 9TH. 1698.

To BUGGENTROW GOVERN^R OF Y^E : PULLAMALLEE COUNTREY.

You have given a Cowle to the Bettenea people [of that] place ; but yor : Brother Lahaja Sing threatens the people as passing by askeing them whether they are [goeing . . .] tells him are goeing to Pullamullie, when [he replys to] that to be sure as soon as they arrive [there would be . . .] up in prison by you for Vella pillas business, w^ch : ma[kes] them afrayd to come near you therefore [hope you'll] Enquire into this matter.

Yo^r : affectionate friend
[THO :] PITT.

No. 151.

FFORT S^T : GEORGE SEP^R : 9th : 1698.

To THE R^T : WORSHIPP^LL : WILL^M : HATSELL ESQ^R : &C^A : COUNCILL.

Wee rec̃ed yo^rs : of ye 31st past & 2^d instant our Warehousekeeper cannot find any musters of succatunes here soe expect will send some.

Wee expect Armajeahn in a day or two for that Emam Cooly is come to S^t : Thoma being goeing up to the Kings Camp. Wee wish Alley Etkbers deportm^t in Cuddalore may be answereable to his promises for we here he care not for ye moore men wee have under our Governm^t :

After the arrival of the ffame w^th : you in yor letter you desired Shee might remaine w^th : you till ye arrivall of ye perivanna w^ch : wee did not contradict and you had our consent thereunto had she stayed but four dayes longer her arrival here was a surprize to us.

If there can be soe many small guns spared for sale & twill countervayle the amo^t ; of those Guns you desire for Cuddelore wee will send them you by ye first oppertunity.

If your Bookes are ballanc'd wee desire you forthw^th : to send them hither for that our accomptant here cannot find out the difference in the Ballance without ye perusuall of the Bookes.

Wee observe what you wrote in yor : last concerning ye list of the goods sent you but perceive you mistake in ye quantityes for ye list is made supposing the Companys stock could purchase that quantity that then they should bee after ye manner proportioned but since their stock cannot purchase the whole, the quantity must be lesser on every sort for tis a Cargoe of a good sortment that turns to ye best account, if we run only upon two or three sorts of goods they will never [answer] in England Betilloes. 50 : Cables.

Good neck^s : a greater quantity then you have bespoke but you must not expect any sort of goods to sell in England as they have done this last 9 or 10 years dureing the Warr for w^t : must now recommend them is the goodness of their sorts in all respects & well pash'd.

If yor: merch^{ts}: make any strip'd bottal[ae]s lett them buy the [striped] according to the muster here inclos'd & ye finer the better.

Wee [. . .] of ye calculation that the goods are three [. . .] ours in w^{ch}: [. . .] reckon that the [. . .] & land [. . .] wee will furnish you wth: mony to Comply wth: what con[cerns] you here make and if they bring it more to ye amount [. . .] 10: or 15000. pagodoes you may reley upon us Wee shall send what medicines you desire or can bee spared here.

Wee desire you to give all the assistance you can to the Thorndon Carpenter in his return hither.

Yo^{r}: affectionate ffriends

Tho: Pitt.
Jno: Styleman.
W^{m}: Fraser.
Fran: Ellis.
Roger Bradyll.
Tho: Wright.
Matt: Empson.

P.S. Since Writeing the foregoeing we have rec$\tilde{d}$ advise from Ami[r]geahn that he is arrived at Yegmore.

No. 152.

To the R^{t}: Worshipp^{ll}:
W^{m}: Hatsell Esqr: &c^{a}: Councill
Deputy Govr of ffort S^{t}. David.

Wee rec^{d} yours of y^{e} 6th & 11th instant and have considered of w^{t}; you write in the former relateing to our landing ye Companeys money to Abdell Labby to assist him to get Celleman Caun government^{t}: w^{ch}: if he should fayle in pray consider who will pay the money or if he should succeed you must expect only faire words but not a fanam of mony againe ffort S^{t}: Davids trou[ble] been very chargeable to our masters already wee not ad to it nor can we consent to this yor: proposall now that ye Nabobs perivanna is come & that Capt: Mollan is to have his Elephants return'd and restitution made he will bee in a Condition to assist Abdell Labby for that wee here Celeman Caune is turnd out.

Wee would have you get a mozer drawn of the perticulars of w^{t}: damage Celeman Caun did assisted by the [Cheif . . . .] Mooremen & merch^{ts}: wth: you and send it us that wee may endeavour to get satisfaction. The 9 instant Armegeahn arrived here from the Camp the next day ye President & Councill here went to the [Comp^{s}] garden, to receive ye Nabobs perwanna wth: delivered us by Emerim Cooley as alsoe a shabby Vestm^{t}: a Horse wth: a Gold bridle.

Here is a Complaint of our Joynt stock Merch^{ts}: against yours that you provide goods & give out money in the same places as ours Viz^{t} att Mooderanticum Pagucotta, Teroocutchee Quomum Payaculore. If they both provide cloth in one and the same place twill certainly inhance the price & spoyle the goodness of the Cloth therefore desire you to inquire into this [. . .] vent the first conse [quence] that may attend it.

By the first oppertunity we will send you some plank to make carriages & trucks & gunneys if we can spare them. As to Mohomett Hussen who brought you the Nabobs perwanna the custome in such cases is to offer a pagodoe a day & give him about fifty rupees when he goes away, if you can doe it for less twill be soe much saved.

Wee rec$\tilde{d}$ yesterday letters from Bengall & York ffort the former came y^{e} 5th. of Augt. the Agent & Councill acquainte us of y^{e} safe arrivall of the Ann, but they give us no hopes of their being able to fitt up the Tavestock from thence soe fear wee shall not have her sent up hither who after we have dispatched the ffame for England & ye Thorndon for ye West Coast there will not be many hundred bales remaineing, Wee must press you to use your utmost endeavours to get in w^{t}. goods

you can wth: all speed & send us word what you can get ready by the latter end of this month wch the Thorndon shall call for in Bengall, all is quick & all matters adjusted wth: the Prime, Agent Eyre designes home by this years shipping.

Our letters from York ffort are dated ye 11th of June the Trumball Gally had bin there & taken in 110 Candy of pepper all things are quiett there & nothing wanting but money, for that there is great quantity of pepper. Wee will send you ten thousand pagodoes by ye first safe conveyance. Wee here send you a proclamation Coppyd out of ye Monthly Mercury noe other being to be had.

The Nabobs Pewvanna being arrived we beleive you have no occasion for keeping so many Topeasses & Pewnes in pay and hope you will discharge wt more then necessary & such yt seem most unfitt for service as we have done we are

Yr: affectionate ffriends.

THO: PITT.
JNO: STYLEMAN.
WM: FFRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 153.

FFORT ST: GEORGE SEPTBR 17TH: 1698

TO THE RT: WORSHIPFLL: WILL: HATSELL ESQR:
DPUTY GOVERNR: OF FORT ST:
DAVID &CA: COUNCILL.

This serves only to enclose the Tandell Boat Putemppatnas receipt for 500 Gunnerees sent you by the Sayd boat cost wth: freight Charges Vizt.—

	PA:	
Peices 450 of Vizagapatam	36	0
Peices 50 Bengall	5	0
ffreight for Ditto	1	0
Charges merchandize	0	6
	42	6

Wee have recd. yor: letter dated the 14th instant to wch: shall give answere in a few dayes wee hope to dispatch the ffame the latter end of this month for England Wee are

Yor: affectionate ffriends.

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 154.

FORT ST. GEORGE, SEPTBR: 20: 1698.

TO MR: SYMO: HOLCOMBE CHEIFE &CA:
COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

Wee recd. yours of ye 11th: & 16 of Augt: wth: all papers mentioned in ye list, as to your former we are not unsensible of the revolutions in your parts, nor are wee

to condradict the calculations made by the Rt: Honble: our Companies Masters in their possitive Orders that unless you reduce your charges to ye Sume they have mentioned, that wee must withdraw the ffactory, and accordingly wee expect that you doe by the Shipp wch: comes hither from Bengall in December next.

Wth: yours of ye 16th wee recd then three peeces of Betelles tho: single stripes are at too great a distance one from ye other there must bee three stripes in ye roome of two as they now stand wch: if you can gett att between 4 or 5 rupees. They will certainly turn to accot: in England, and therefore have sent you a small Muster in this letter to direct you as to ye stripe. The coppy of ye Coule you sent relateing to the prohibiteing Interlopers to trade in the Seir lascars Government [. . . . . .] and almost word for word the same wth: [. . . . . . .] resetling the [southerne] ffactories.

Wee have alsoe recd yours of ye 1st instant adviseing of ye receipt of the 5000: Pagodoes by the Martha and the investment of wch: with your Merchants, wee approve off & would send you 5 or 10000 Pagodoes more could wee meet wth: a safe conveyance. If your merchants can bee perswaded to creditt you wee will pay what Bills you charge on us to that amount provided the goods are brought in soe as to bee laden on the Shipp wch: calls on you and comes from Bengall hither for after all our endeavours, wee feare shall want goods to fill up the Companies Tunnage.

The 9: instant Armagh John, who was Vackeell at the Camp returned hither wth: the Nabobs & D'vans Perivannas relateing to fort St: David &ca: the charge thereof amounting to near 15000 Pagodoes.

By the latter end of the month wee intend to dispatch the ffame, directly for England and the Thorndon who arrived here ye 29th past will be soon after dispatchd from hence to ye West coast, and from thence directly for England the latter mett wth: verry badd weather in her outward bound passage hither by wch: she sprang all her masts but her Mayne mast.

Wee shall want your generall Bookes to send home by the Janry; Shipping and alsoe send 1000 peeces of Gunneys by the first Comps: Shipp. Wee are

Yor affectionate ffriends.

Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
Wm: ffraser.
Francis Ellis.
Roger Braddyl.
Thomas Wright.
Matt: Empson.

No. 155.

ffort St: George Septbr 20th 1698.

To the Rt: Worshippll Wm Hatsell Esqr
Deputy Govr: of ffort St: David &ca: Councill.

Srs:

Wee recd yours of ye 14th & 17th instant and as to the 30 rupees Armegh John sayes he has advanced to the Gurbardar & que[s]tion not but he has charged in his account Wee recd ye three Musters of Succatoones & will Suddenly returne them to you.

Wee [. . . .] you would send your bookes ballanc'd wch. wee have so [. . .] and wth: out wch: wee cannot finish our bookes [. . .] Tis a good sortment of Goods Cheifely recommend a car[go] and thô wee agree with the Deputy Governr: that Long cloth & Sallampores are alwayes staple commodityes in England yet a Cargo of variety of Goods will yeild more proffit to our Masters then if wee send them only two or 3 sorts.

What Gunnees here were procureable wee have sent wch: wee hope ere this are arrived.

Wee would not have you discourage, any merchants that are willing to provide goods thô they are the same sorts you have already agreed for would they have undertaken for other sorts it would have been much better, but at this time it requires our utmost Industry to procure such quantityes of goods, as [that] our Masters Shipps may not goe home freighted.

Tis a signe when undertakers make such proposalls as to bring in goods without impressing money that the Country affords more then your Joynt stock Merchants are willing to undertake for whose designe is purely to make ye Weavers work at verry low rates tho the Company give them verry great prizes and if they prejudice one another in buying I hope 'twill bee our rule to stick to those wch: bring in the best and cheapest Goods, and tho' the Compy shall not at all times have a stock lyeing by yett we hope there creditt will be Sufficient as to purchase any quantity of goods wch: wee offer'd to them that shall be proper for the Marquetts of England for wch: If you contract you may depend upon ye money from us.

The 28th wee recd. yor: Mint Masters Accots: being 28 papers seal'd up, and shall give you creditt for the seventeen pagodoes thirty two fanams.

Wee gave you answere as to ye Gusbardar in our last & as to Selim Cawne wee heare he laggeerd.

The Thorndons mast is arrived here from Trincumbarr.

If you can by bill or otherwise draw upon us for money to send to the Southward to buy paddy. Itt may bee of service to our Masters.

By ye first oppertunity wee will send you 2 peices of Scarlett cloth haveing but 8 peices left the rest being damaged are dispos'd of at ye out Cry.

In yours of ye 17th you acknowledge your mistake as to the cotten yearn.

We take notice of ye Peons & Topasses you have discharged and desire you to retrench all expences as much as possible. Yor: bill for 400 : Pagds: shall bee payed to Mr: Chardin when demanded. Wee hope you'll get more then 20 : [Bales] ready for the Thorndon pray use your utmost endeavour [to] make them 100 and otherwise 'twill not be worth her com[ing].

Wee recd yours of ye 19th in ye 2d paragraph of wch: wee find that it has been practised formerly that the Joynt Stock Merchants of Porto Novo Cuddalore and Conimeere as also ye Madrass Merchts: have provided goods and Dutch Merchants at One & ye same place without prejudice to one another wch: answers your Objection made in your letter of ye 14th Instant being ye reasons you give for not accepting ye proposalls of those Merchants wch: proposed to bring in Cloth wth: out impressing money.

We wrote to you in our last wt: method to take in discharging Mahomett Hussin whose long tarrying will increase ye Charge We will remitt you money as soon as wee can meet wth: an Oppertunity.

As to what you write of a long entry made in your Generall Book letter FF Mr: Haynes, wee shall examine as soon as wee have dispatched this Shipp for England and give our necessary Orders therein wee are

Yr: affectionate ffriends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FRAN: ELLIS.
ROGR: BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 156.

FFORT S^{t}. GEORGE SEPTB^{r}: 22^{D} 1698.

TO THE R^{t}: WORSHIPP^{LL}: CHARLES
EYRE ESQ^{R}: AGENT &C^{A} COUNCILL IN BENGALL.

S^{R}:

Yo^{rs}: of ye 10th: & 20th of July 5th: of ye last month we recd the 13th instant by ye Shipp Thankfull wth: ye packquet from ye West Coast and in our last letters from Vizagapatam dated 16th of Aug^{t}: they advise us they should have 200 bales ready ag^{t} ye arrival of the Martha who wee dispatch'd hence the 14th: past wth: some treasure to land there, and to take aboard those Bales feareing when the natives heareing y^{t} wee had order'd that factory to be withdrawne they might prove trouble-some yett wee hope they will bee able to provide some considerable quantity of bales against ye Shipp. You shall order to call there in her passage hither.

We [are] heartily glad to hear of the safe arrivall of the [. . .] and are not unsensible that the amount of [. . .] those ships is more then the stock [. . .] You can provide for. Wee know wee need not press you to doe your utmost endeavours at this juncture, and wee here shall doe the same Indeavouring to fill up w^{t} shipp comes here & give her a seasonable dispatch for England.

Wee find by the list y^{t} your goods in the Godowne is inconsiderable & as wee wrote you by the Martha who we hope is arrived wth you that itt will bee of great service to our masters, that you dispatch the Tavestock directly for England by reason of her extravagant Demorage, and if you can load the Anna and but half the Martha wee will endeavour to provide for the other halfe here for that by ye latter end of this month we shall dispatch ye ffame directly for England.

The Thorndon arrived here the 29 past haveing brought but 20 chests of treasure wth: her haveing mett in her passage wth: such badd weather that she sprung all her masts, but her mayne mast.

The Danes att Trincumbar have spared us a foremast so hope she will be fitted by ye 5th of ye next month, and have taken in w^{t} wee can spare here and then shall send her to ye West Coast to fill up wth pepper and from thence directly for England.

The able trusty and faithfull Armenian Arma John is some few dayes agoe return'd wth: ye Nabobs & D'vans Perwannas for ffort S^{t}: Davids and the townes thereto belonging ye charge of procureing w^{ch}: amounts to neare 15000 pagodoes the Coppy's of w^{ch}: wee here inclose w^{ch}: Perwanna's wee fear are of little vallue if the present Nabob should bee displaced.

23^{d} Ditto.

Letters rec̃ed this day from Surat dated the 16th and 24th July last advise ye arrival of a Gousba[r]dar from Coast to demand 200000 rupees Lost as tis sayd by Maccullis Cawn in the Queda Mercht taken by Kid the Pirate but the hearing of this matter before the Govern^{r}: of Suratt was referr'd to y^{e}: 24th: July. The President &c^{a}: have great hopes to make his message prove ineffectuall and by that means prevent further trouble on that acco^{t}.

Wee are Yo^{r}: affectionate ffriends

THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRAN: ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

P.S.
The Maulda Bookes mentioned in y^{e}: list of yor: pacquett N^{o}: 5 to be made up in wax cloth are not come and y^{e}: Conimer denies to have rec̃d any such parcell.

No. 157.

FFORT ST: GEORGE SEPTBR: 29TH: 1698

To THE RT: WORSHIPPLL: WILL: HATSELL
ESQR: DPUTY GOVERNR: OF FFORT ST: DAVID
&CA: COUNCILL.

Srs:

The 27th: on a boate wee sent a Lieutenant Davis Vizt: who was sent out by the Rt: Honble: Compy: to be ye: second Leiut: by ye: same boat comes 2 peices of Seacloth & five Peons wth: five thousand Pagodoes.

On ye: 3d: of the next month att furthest the ffame will be dispatchd & by ye: 10th. Wee hope ye: Thorndon will be wth: you, wt: longcloth you can't get wash'd by that time, wee would have you pack up browne, soe that wee hope you'll compleat 100 or 120 bales Wee are

Your affectionate ffriends
THOMAS PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILL: FFRASER.
FRAN: ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 158.

FFORT ST: GEORGE SEPR: 29TH: 1698

To THE NABOB ZULPHAKR: CAWN.

Yor: Excellencies Perwanna I have received concerning Almalabee long before your Excellency Perwanna arrived, he departed this life but so soon as received your: Perwanna I made enquiry of his wife, who sayes she was so poore yt: She was forced to sell her Jewells to maintaine her Husband in his sickness but some time before his sickness he went to Pellicatt where he was reduced to that necessity that he was forced to beg to bare his Charges, I find he has left nothing behind him nor hath neither sons nor Daughters, she further inform's when she first came to him She was Jentue Woman but afterwards turn'd Mussel woman, and has not on rupee of his effects.

THO: PITT.

No. 159.

FFORT ST: GEORGE OCTOBR: 5TH: 1698.

To MESSEUR THO: LOVELL &
SAMLL: WOOLSTON ATT METCHLEPATAM.

Srs:

Wee recd. yors: of the 15th: past in which you advise of the safe arrival of the 5,000 Pagodoes &ca: we expected not otherwise then yt: you would meet wth: all imaginable opposition from the Dutch for doubtless they have found it much to their advantage being ye: sole buyers of chay goods & paintings proper for Europe for many yeares past Tho the goods seem deare you have agreed for wth: Quallonarso, wee confirme the same that is for the 5,000 Pagodoes and refuse not the other five thousand provided that all or most part will be brought in by the beginnig of Janry: and advice yt: you would run most upon Chay goods & paintings & of yor: chay goods cheifly allejars but on pt: of your contract, wee verry much dislike (& more especially that you Mr: Lovell who have often had the ℘ usuall of our contract

here w^th^: the Merchants should agree to it) w^ch^: is that the Company shall be at the charge to clear all pretences of the Govern^t^: on the goods when it should bee at the Merchants charge thô under our countenance & protection and unless you alter y^t^: part of the contract, you put it in y^e^: power of the Merchants to goe of or comply w^th^: their contract as they pl[e]ase, Wee here send a letter of encouragem^t^: to Quallonarso: & empower you to Tashereef him Wee were formerly well assured y^t^: the Interlopers agreed w^th^: the Governm^t^: for 3 ₩C. Custome. What wee desire is y^t^: you'll get an attestation of it If possible, under the Cojas & the most eminent Merchants hands for that wee would send it home to our masters.

Wee will enquire by w^t^: conveyance wee can send you money but wee would have w^t^: possible of those goods to goe home by next shipping.

As for y^e^: quit-rent due for the factory Narran must settle it as formerly. The 2 peeses of Chinse wee reced as to the striped pese the Chay & cloth is verry ordinary, the other something better, but compareing lengths and bredths and difference in the goodness of the Cloth w^th^: ours, here they are verry deare but [if] they will agree to make about twenty or thirty serge [. . .] fine Cloth and a good chay, we then think 25 [. . .] ₩ Corge may be tollerable & would have [. . .]for them but remember that there bee ten peeses of a sort in each bale at least.

Wee find that Charge for security of the money you paid him had deposited pallampores and Chintse if proper for England & reasonable wee would have you agree for them.

There is no possibility of sending a [. . .] hence for Narso therefore advise you to consult Narran & tassereef him w^th^: w^t^: you have according to the custom of the Country. Wee are

Y^r^: affectionate ffriends
THO: PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FRAN: ELLIS.
ROG^R^: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 160.

TO THE HON^BLE^: SAMUELL ANNESTLEY
PRESIDENT &C^A^ COUNCILL FOR AFFAIRS OF
THE R^T^: HON^BLE^: ENGLISH EAST INDIA
COMPANY AT SURATT.

S^rs^:

Our last to you was the 26th: July since which wee received yours of the 16th: & 21st and hope that you have succeeded in your troublesome business of the Quedda merchant according to your expectations, wee take notice of the behaviour and gratitude of the Honest Armenians of whom our Masters formerly gave such frequent incomiums.

Our Honest Armenian att last has found the way back from the Camp, and brought us the Nabob and Duans Perwannas, Copy of which wee here inclose, the charges of which we formerly advised you.

The 3^d^: Instant wee dispatcht the Fame Capt: Betton for England with a Cargo amo^t^: to upwards of [Pagodoes 6]0000 and in few dayes shall dispatch the [. . .] for the West Coast where wee hope she will meet with Pepper enough to fill up for England.

The Anna Tavestock and Martha are in Bengall the two former wee hope will bee dispatch'd thence for England, thô their business is not quite settled with the Prince who daily invents new tricks to strip the merchants, the Martha wee expect here in Jan^ry^: against which time wee hope to make such provision as to give her a seasonable dispatch for England.

As to what you write about Hussen Ammein Ship which was gone to Tenassere before Mohomud Cossim came here with your Letter, who brought us no Letter in Persian as is mention'd in your's, and whereas Mahomud Cossum pretends to have a Lett^{r}: of attorney and other papers relating to Hussein Ammeins concernes, the Letter of Attorney nor papers are neither signed nor sealed by him, which makes us jealous that Hussen Ammen designs to make some unjust demands att last, so that unless he sends authentick papers and powers wee shall Concern ourselves no farther in y^{t} matter.

By the first ship bound from your Port hither, pray send us three or four Corge of red and white Saloo's for Flaggs. Wee are

Your very affectionate
friends and Hum^{ble}: Serv^{ts}:

Thomas Pitt.
John Styleman.
William Fraser.
Roger Braddyll.
Thom^{s}: Wright.
Matt: Empson.

Fort S^{t}. George Octob^{r} 5th: 1698

No. 161.

Fort S^{T}: George 6TH: Octob^{R} 98.

To Laulau Sahaujasing
Junckaneer.

Your Letter I have received and understand the Contents, you mention that I have grounded my action of sending Peons to your meets by misinformations, and as you say have robb'd them of a great deal of money. Itt is never my Custom to act anything, but what have first truely represent'd to me, I understand your putting a stop upon some Beetle that came to your meet, and belonging to the merchants of this Place, was not for the Kings dutyes (they having before paid itt) but an information you had of Bansee & Vellapilla that the Beetle merchants gave an annuall bribe of 12 Pag^{s}: I have severall times sent some of my People to demand beetle you have stop'd but never releas'd it, taking no notice of it. My sending for you was for noe other reason then to discourse how such things happen, as also to increase our friendship, you construing my meaning contrary, by thinking I sent for you to fight; I admire you should harbour any such a thought, for I never under-value myselve by fighting with those that gett their Rice by their pen, or those but what are equall to me, & better then you, what the bearer of yours informes me that they had paid the Kings dutyes, but were stop'd upon the bribe account. After I heard they were stop'd upon no other account, I sent my [Peo]le to fetch itt away, who in a civill way took itt without giving any trouble to the meat, there being no money brought in beetle, I apprehend your own servants take some money out of the Beetle, I hope you will inquire into this business if you value my freind-ship, and that wee may see one another, desiring you not to regard the stores of mean Fellowes.

Thomas Pitt.

No. 162.

Octo^{R}: 8TH: 1698.

To Sahaujasing Junckaneer.

I have received your freindly Letter and understand the Contents, you write Concerning the beetle merchants One Vellapaw, and that you have a great desire to see me, you and I being freinds when ever you are pleas'd to come my house shall bee att your service.

You write me that the Beetle merchants gives 5 Pagodas Annually for a Cowle, and that Dossapa has received 1[Pa] : 18[fa.] in part for this year, Tis true Dossapa and his predecessors were great oppressors, but now to mention any such thing is a great sin ; your business is to clear the King Custom's, andafter that is paid, for you to oppr[ess] them is very unjust, I know you to bee a man of great parts therefore do but consider of these things.

As for Vellapa he is one that belongs to Madrass, and he is Indebted to severall people as appear upon prooff of their Bonds, and if any one will bee security for the money he can bee soon sett at liberty, yo[u being] an understanding man what can I [say more].

THOMAS PITT.

No. 163.

OCTOBER 10TH : 1698.

TO MOOZAPHUR CAWN PHOUSDAR
OF THE PULLAMALLEE COUNTRY.

I have received your Kind Letter, and understand the contents thereof.

You writt me about the Cattle that were stolen the very same time I ordered the Justices of the Choultry to inquire about them, here were 4 cattles sold which have deliverd to your people againe, now I desire you to check them for going away without orders. I am inform'd that the ancient Custom of the Phousdars fees is for every ox load of cloth two Doodas and two Cash, but now they take two Cash for each peice of Cloth, which after this rate will amount to a great deal of money. Therefore desire you to grant a Cowle to the merchants that your people may receive no more then the ancient Custom is, w[ch] : will bee the mean's of increasing our freindship.

THOMAS PITT.

No. 164.

FORT S[T] : GEORGE 13TH : OCT[R] : 98.

TO THE WORP[LL] : MATT : MILDMAY
DEPUTY GOVERNOUR &C[A] : COUNCILL
ATT YORK FORT.

1. Our last was dated 17th : May 1698 by Ship Anne and 20th : August Via Acheen Copies whereof comes inclosed, since which wee have received yours of the 21st : May 11th : June last by Ketch Success, from Bengall allso a generall Letter from M[r] : Richard Darley &c[a] : Councill of [P]ryamong dated 18th : May with their Journall & Leidger Ending June 97, &c[a] : [. . . bookes] of accounts.

2. This comes by Ship Thorndon who arrived here on the 29th : August, but in her passage meeting with very bad weather, she sprung most of her masts, w[ch] : occasion'd her being so long detaind here, wee have sent on her seven Chests of Dollars proper for your Coast, thereby to enable you to provide Pepper enough to fill her up, which you must bee sure to see well garbled before you Lade itt on board, Our masters having complain'd of the foulness of the Pepper lately receiv'd and possitively order'd that none bee sent them for the future, but what is well garbled, thereby to prevent paying freight and custom for dust.

3. This is a large ship and will require a considerable quantity of Pepper to Lade her, therefore wee have added two Chest Dollars more then what order'd by the R[t] : Hon[ble] : Company, and you must use your utmost diligence in procuring a sufficient quantity to fill her, so as to save her passage, which undoubtedly will bee an acceptable service to our masters.

4. Wee have perused the Agreement made between Sultan Mahomud Shaw and Mr. Richard Darley &c^{a}: and think they did well to procure the old Emperours Ratification of the Contract made by Mr: Barwell with Sultan Guilimot and Addill (for wee find tis almost the same). But ought to bee very cautious how you trust him, for there is great reason to suspect notwithstanding his pretensions of freindship, that he still Espouses and promotes the Dutch Interest thô secretly.

5. Wee cannot by any [means] either approve or consent to your resett-[lement of] Indrapoora without the R^{t}: Honble : Comp^{s}: own order for so doing, for we are well assur'd that when our masters had a settlement there, the proffitt of the Pepper they provid'd never defrayed halfe the charge. But if you could pervail with the old Emperour &c^{a}: to deliver their Pepper att a certain price, either att Bencoolen or [P]ryamong, wee should esteem such a Contract to bee for our masters Interest but the multiplying of settlements serves to no other end then to increase Charge, and weaken yourselves by Divideing your Forces.

6. Wee approve of your entertaining Alexander Clark and William Jones who came out sould[i]ers on the Trumboile Gally as writers, if they are sober men and qualified as you mention, wth: reference to the R^{t}: Hon^{bls}: Comp^{s}: approbation whom you must advise thereof, that if their Honours approve them they may take security, and acquaint them to write to their freinds to tender the same.

7. Wee have paid your Bill for 300: Dollars dat'd 11th: June last to Mr: John Styleman.

8. Wee have sent you by this ship writing Paper, Quills &c^{a}: Factors provisions as ℘ Invoice you must supply [P]ryamong with such part as you think necessary.

9. M^{r}: Charles Everall having pretty well recover'd his health and requesting our leave to returne to York Fort on this ship, we have [att his de]sire paid him halfe a years whole [salary . . .] ending 29th: Septem^{r}: 1698. Inclosed is a Paper he deliverd us, wherein you'l find he mention'd 312 Dollars to bee detained from him without just reason, pray examine this matter, and if you find his allegations true, lett right bee done him without delay.

10. Inclosed is 2 Par: of the R^{t}: Honble: Companys Gen^{ll}: Letters to Fort St George ℘ ships Sidney and Tavestock wherein you'l perceive they order an exact Inventory of their Estate as well moveable as immoveable to bee sent them once every three years, and one by the first conveyance which you must be sure to comply with.

11. The Auditor Generall in his Letter to Fort S^{t}: George dated 5th: February 1698 hath order'd that the Journall of the Generall Bookes of accounts be signed by y^{e}: Chief of each respective Factory as well as the accomptant which order you must observe.

12. Wee do expect that on receipt hereof the Deputy Governour do make good the amount of the Freight of the 35 Bahars Pepper he Laded and permitted to be Laded on the Fleet ffrigatt on account of an pretended priviledge, to the R^{t}: Honble :Comp^{s}: Cash att the rate of 20 ℘ cent freight, and do for the future utterly forbid the Lading of any Pepper on the Companys ships, but for their Hon^{rs}: Acco^{ts}:

13. T'is almost needless to tell you how excessive chargeable the West coast settlements have been to our masters, for that the Auditor Generall in his Calculation of the charge, and what pepper rec^{d}: makes itt come out att about 11^{d} ℘ pound which been all sold in England [. . .] 12^{d}: to 20^{d}: whether this great losse has arisen from ill management or misfortune wee will not decide, tho' are afraid from both, but the greatest from the former.

14. The 3 Principal things the Comp^{a}: recommend to all their Presidents Agents and Chiefs are the increasing their revenues and trade & the retrenching all superfluous expences all w^{ch}: we earnestly recommend to you & that you'le take such measures as that in the end we may find a different effect from w^{t}: intended ; the increase of revennues & trade is not to be effected by wise and gentle means & impartial administration of Justice and freedom of trade wth: out w^{ch} : no place can ever florish.

15. We consider the many pretty Princes & Governors you have to deale w^th^: all some of w^ch^: we know are govern'd intirely by the Dutch, an instance whereof we had in y^e^: business of Indapoora you must make it your business fas aut nefas to root out all y^t^: interest or else you will find they only lye lurkeing for an oppertunity to doe the same as they did at that place, we would not have you concerne yourselves too often in the small peaks & quarrells among shore Sultans & Gov^rs^: for whilst they don't arise to a warr so as to commit any devastation upon one anothers plantations you are y^e^: safer but be sure to keep things so between them as that you at all times may be the balance,, otherwise if you should make a generall union amongst them and considering that in their humours they are weavering you'l alwaies be in their power to be destroyed, and twill be easier for y^e^: Dutch to engage them to their interest when they are united then when they are divided.

16. The R^t^: Honble: Comp^a^: wee know have often wrote you concerning improvem^t^ at your place in planting of pepper Indico Sugarcanes Cotten and what else the place will produce w^ch^: they had rather have done by letting out ground to [. . .] of all nations then by their own slaves in w^ch^: [. . .] you to be verry dilligent.

17. Wee could heartily wish (if it can be effected) that all pepper might be deliver'd you att Bencoolen or [P]riamong thō you gave something y^e^: more for it for the keeping so many little Pagars doe but divide your fforce and so consequently weaken you as we have mention'd in another paragraph and thô we have at present a Generall peace tis but prudent to provide for warr, of the Dutch we have already had large experience of their friendship in time of peace, so have reason to fear they will do their utmost in time of warr. The ffrench will most certainly attempt the makeing of Settlem^t^: in all parts of India, for that they have this year sent three ships to Bengall on their Comp^s^: acco^t^: and 4 men of warr the designe of y^e^: latter is yet unknown so y^t^: it requires you to be verry carefull and circumspect in strengthening & securing w^t^: you are possessed of to prevent any surprize & wee shall doe our utmost to contribute towards it by sending you large & constant supplies of goods and mony to enable you to purchase all the pepper the Country about you produces thô it be to y^e^: amount of 4,000 bahar yearly wee doe expect after the arrival of ship ffame (who we dispatch'd full laden the 4th: instant) in England that the R^t^: H^e^: C^a^: will for y^e^: future yearly send out a ship of 4 or 500 Tons directly to yor: place to be laden w^th^: pepper for this Port & so constantly to be dispatch'd hence in Septem^br^: for England.

18. If as you advise there is great quantity of pepper procureable & that after you have laden this Ship you can spare 100 Tonn and send us the same on freight so as to arrive here by the beginning of Janua^ry^: it will be a good peice of service to y^e^: R^t^: H: C: and enable us to fill up the great Tonnage we have lying in our hands & in Bengall.

19. The paying of Custome at Yourk ffort for all goods imported there thô the same goods have paid the R^t^: H: C: y^r^: Custome of 5 ℘ cent at any other of their settlements as you will see by y^e^: enclos'd Copy of our Consultation Dated 13th: October 1698 whereunto we referr you for y^e^: reasons inducing us thereunto and would have you observe the same Except otherwise order'd by the R^t^: H: Comp^a^.

20. We have sent you on this Ship 11 English & 19 Topas souldiers & one M^r^: Jno: E[. . .]ns [with] Commission to be [ensign] in the room of Tho: Gutterr[idge . . .] esteeming him a person fitt to be entrusted [. . .] able a port & would have you either send him to England on this ship or hither by y^e^: first oppertunity w^ch^: you shall judge most convenient among y^e^: souldiers now sent there is one John Cumberland who has y^e^: Character of a sober man and a good penman if you have occasion for a writer and find him deserving you may entertain him as such.

21. We have permitted M^r^: Frith to take his passage on this Ship in order to the adjusting his acco^t^: w^th^: the R^t^: H: Comp^a^: wherein we would have you give him what assistance requisite & to state his acco^ts^: fairly & impartially by w^ch^: means all just grounds for future Compl^ts^: will be prevented. We have been inform'd that M^r^. Frith hath an adventure w^th^: Capt: Phrip Com^r^: of Ship welcome if Capt: Phrip

arrives at York ffort or [P]riamong and upon enquiry you find he hath any effects of Mr: ffriths you must attach the same in his hands (if he refuse to deliver it to you) for satisfaction of his debt to the Rt: H: Compa: and advise us thereof for he hath nothing here that we know of & If what he presents be true has not where withall to buy food for wch: reason we would have you dureing his stay (wch: is to be no longer yn: necessary for the finishing his accots:) lett him have his dyet at the table.

22. Lett a calculate of the Tonnage of the goods Laden on board the ship be sent to the Rt: H: Compa: in your Packett and an abstract of yor: Generall Lre & invoice made up a part delivered the Commr: to be sent the Rt: H: Compa by post from ye: first Port they shall arrive at England Scotland or Ireland.

23. The Rt: H: Company have given us very strict orders concerning ye: keeping up of the Generall Books of accots. at all places under this President yt we must require you to see that those persons whose business it is, do keep them duly up & their coppies of them to be sent home to the Compa: and hither yearly, & wee doe desire you to send their Honrs: by this Ship Copies of all such Book's of accot: Diaries & Letter book's as have not been yet remitted them & the copy of yor: accot: Cash to ye Day the ship is dispatch'd.

24. Wee not being able to procure any Cows fit for breeders to send you by this ship have sent you a quantity of salted beefe & Pork as ℘ invoice for ye: use of the Garrison or the Coffrees, as you Judge convenient.

25. Mr: Hugh Kennedy havin[g] desird our leave for [proceeding to York] ffort in order to recover debts wch: he all[. . .] him there takes his passage on this ship under such conditions as you will find mention'd in ye: inclos'd Copy of his bond wch: you are to take care yt: he comply's with.

26. Such English or Portuguez souldiers as have serv'd the Compa: three or four years at ye: west coaste & doe discourse of comeing hither wee would have you lett them returne 3 or 4 at a time wch: will be a means to encourage others to goe willingly to serve there.

27. Inclos'd is invoice & Bill Ladeing for what Laden on board this ship here amot: Pagods: 25662 : 29 : 5 and a list of ffreight goods and ye: Ships charter party Wee are

Yo: Lo: ffreinds.
Thos: Pitt.
John Styleman.
Will: ffraser.
Ffrans: Ellis
Roger Braddyll.
Tho: Wright.
Matt: Empson.

P. S.
There is Laden on this ship as you will ℘ ceive by ye: invoice 22 bales cloth mark'd N.H.Y.E.Y. wch: if you have occasion you may take ashoar for sale it being more proper for the markett of west coast then those of Europe.

No. 165.

Ffort St: George Octobr 13th: 1698

To Mr: Richard Darley Chief &ca
Councill at [P]riamong.

Your Letter dated 18th of May last wth: the several Books and papers according to List we have receiv'd.

We are glad to hear yt: all Picques as well those wch: had their rise either from personal prejudice or private interests are laid aside & yt: you Joyne unanimously in the prosecution of such methods as seem the most effectuall for uniting the rajahs formerly one to another and all in the service and interest of the Rt: Honble: compa: and hope yt: such unhappy differences as are destructive to both will never grow to ahead againe amongst you.

All persons that have had any dealings or Commerce wth: the Mallyans are sensible of their false & weavering tempers and therefore it behoves those who are the Chiefe Man[ager] of the Rt: Honble Compa: affairs among them to be prudent & cautious. Wee find by the Character you give of rajah Addill that he is much the same unsteady weavering man as when Mr: Darwell was there but in consideration that his mild Governmt: had gain'd him a Generall esteem he thought it for ye Comps: interest then to carry it fair wth: him and tho there was not a probabillity of his ever doeing them any great service by reason of [. . .] temper yet by that means to prevent his doeing [. .] injury and we think for the same reason you [. . .] that method still and that raja Macoota who hath approv'd himself faith[full] to the Rt: H. Compa: ought to be encourag'd so far as it can be done without giveing disgust to the other as for the delivery of ye swords you that are upon the place are best able to judge whether they ought or not. But it is our opinion that you doe not think it convenient to deliver both, you had best to deliver neither.

Wee have perus'd your articles of Agreemt: wth: the old Emperour, but are apprehensive, that the old Emperour is not real & that he will betray you when ever he has an oppertunity, and therefore ought not to [be] trusted.

Wee have wrote fully to York ffort concerning ye resettling at Indapoora, to wch: we cannot by any means consent. That ffactory haveing formerly provd a great charge to the Rt: Honble: Compa: and but of little or noe advantage and wee doe esteeme it rather the comps: true interest to secure all the pepper to themselves that the Country between York ffort & [P]riamong produce them by multiplying of settlements. Encrease charges and divide yor: Strength and thereby disenable yourselves to keep what you already possess; and wee are well assured that, that tract of Land will produce a great quantity of Pepper if the planting thereof is encourag'd.

You ought in all your agreemt; to mention the Rt: H. Engs: Et. Ia: Compa: and the name of the place where such person was chief who made them wch: are omitted in the Coppys wee have recd.

When you can procure Quil Capia of that sort, Whereof Mr. Barwell bought a muster wee would have you send some home to the Rt. Honble: Compa: for a tryall.

Wee have supply'd York ffort wth: ffactors provissions and order'd them to send you what necessary.

There is Laden on board this shipp Thorndon seven chest Dollars for York ffort but have given the Commdr: orders to touch at [P]riamong in his way thither and to deliver you two chests of Dollars if you require it that you may immediately apply yor selves to the provideing a good quantity of Pepper. There are also one board her, severall bales of Cloth mark'd wth: the Letter Y of wch: you may take ashoar so many as are necessary for supply of yor: markett. There [. . .] so Laden for yor: place one box qta: 1000 ryalls [. . .] wee would have you lade on board her to [. . .] in yor: Godown's wth: all expedition and dispatch her to York ffort inclos'd is a Copy of such part of the invoice to York ffort as relates to the prizes of the bales marked Y.

Herewith comes a letter from the Presidt. to Sultan Guilimote Raja Macoota wth: its coppy.

wee are

Yor: Loveing ffriends

Thos: Pitt.

Jno: Styleman.

Will: Fraser.

Frans: Ellis.

Rogr: Braddyll.

Thos: Wright.

Matt: Empson.

No. 166.

FORT ST: GEORGE OCTOBR 12TH 1698.

TO SULTAN GUILIMOT AND
BUGGINDA RAJA MA COOTE.

I recd yors: Directed to my predecessor by wch: I per[ceive] that you are good friends to the Rt: Honble: Engs: East In[dia] Compa: of wch: I have bin fully advisd from Mr: Darley Cheife of [P]riamong as also how much you both contributed towards the happy accomodation of matters between the Rt: Honble: Compa: and Sultan Mahomett Shaw wch: give us great hopes that by means of this happy union and the continuance of yor: ffreindship wee shall be the sole Purchasers of all the Pepper yr: Country is capable of producing.

The inhabitants up the rivers of Sablat & [Catton] wee doubt nott butt will be influenc'd by yor: power and Jut: So as to return to their obedience to the Rt: Honble: [Compa] wch: they will esteem as a very great ps: of service from [you] and as soon as I hear you have accomplisht that accomodation will advise them thereof that they may make their own acknowledgmt: to you.

I thank you for the information you give m[e] relateing to Sultan Abdill thô I could wish he deserved a Different Caracter from what you give him and doubt not but by yor: assistance, and the watchfullness of Mr: Darley you will prevent his doeing any mischiefe to the Rt: Honble: Comas: affairs.

The Sword of state sent him you say he deserves itt nott of wch: you and the Cheif are the best judge I wish you health & prosperity and am

Yr: humble Servtt:
THOS PITT.

No. 167.

FORT ST. GEORGE [OCTOBER] 17TH: 1698.

TO THE RT: WORSPLL: WM: HATSELL ESQR:
DEPUTY GOVERNR OF FFORT ST. DAVIDS &CA COUNCILL.

Wee recd. yors: of the 29th: [. . .] past and of the 5th: and 12th: instant wth: that [. . .] wee recd your generall Letter and books H the former sent to England by the ffame Copies of the Books wee desire you to send us as soon as possible. In Yors: of the 5th: instant you mention a proposition made by the Merchants and yt you had concluded wth: them only for pagods: 1000. In yors: of the 12th you send us the translate of an agreement wth: Eram Rause Milapah Chittee, for the amount of Pagods: 10000, to be complied wth: four months and 6000 pagods: to be complied wth: in three months wee would desire you to conclude wth: them for ye amot: of the 6000 pagodaes wch: obleidge themselves to bring in three months or ye amount of the 10000 pagods: If they will comply wth: itt in that time.

Wee have pd: the bill Charged on us for 400 pagods: to Mr: Thomas Wright and shall send you the invoice of the two peices of scarlett by ye next; we hope to dispatch to you the Thorndon, on the 18th: or 19th: instant wch: had bin done sooner but that we have him impeeded by the great raines that have fallen here.

Wee are advis'd that Governr: Pitt of Negapatam has surrendred the Government to the Heer Dirk Comans so desire Mr: Haynes and Mr: Berlie after the Dispatch of the Thorndon will prepare to go and congratulate his accession thereto and accordingly shall send you a Letter for the new Governour.

Wee are
Yor: Loveing ffriends
THOMAS PITT.
JNO: STYLEMAN.
WILLM: FFRASER.
FRANS: ELLIS.
ROGR: BRADDYLL.
THOS: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 168.

FFORT St: GEORGE OCTOBR: 19TH 1698.

To THE Rt: WORSHPPLL: Wm: HATSELL ESQR:
DPUTY GOVERNR: of FFORT St: DAVIDS &cA: COUNCILL.

Sr:

Wee recd yors: of ye 10th: instant and Mahamud Hussen wee hear he is come to towne but as yet has not been wth: the Governour. Wee expected hee had bin long agoe return'd to [. . .] wch would have prevented some Charge wee will [. . .] dispatch him wth: a Letter as you desire in regard to Mollem and yor: troublesome Juncaneers.

Wee here returne you part of the Invoice ℘ Shipp ffame examin'd as you see by the attestation on ye back [side].

Wee have on the Thorndon as ℘ bill of loading in [closed] sent you ten thousand pagodaes and have laden on her consign'd to ye Dpty Governour &ca: Councill of York ffort 130 bales and hope you'le be able to loade as many wch: we desire you to doe wth: all possible expedition consi[gning] them as wee have done and send yor: Invoyce.

Wee recd yours of the 15th: yor: generall Letter an answere to the auditors went by the ffame Wee here defer sending copys of wt: wee then sent wth: the Janry: Shipping who wee expect will be at home as soone.

Yor: bill of 400. pagods: shall be payd and wee observe wt: you write of sending money to the Southward for paddy. Wee are

Your affectionate ffriends

THO: PITT.
JNO. STYLEMAN.
WM. FFRASER.
FRANS: ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THOS: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

[LIST OF THE PACKETT.]

No: 1. Genll: lettr: to Fort St: David Dated 19th Octobr: 1698.
2. Coppy of accot: prizes of Genll: stores sent to ffort St: David ℘ ship ffame examin'd wth: the invoice from Engld & attested.
3. Invoice of ship Thorndon.
4. Bill of ladeing of D.

No. 169

FFORT ST. GEORGE OCTOBR. 31ST. 1698.

To MESSRS: LOVELL AND WOOLSTON FFACTORS
FOR THE RT: H. COMPYS: AFFAIRS ATT METCHLEPATAM.

Srs:

We have recd yours of 12th. instant and wrote you the 5th Copy of wch: wee here inclose we take notice of the 4½ ℘ Cent abatement you have made wth: the merchants and the reason of yor: inclinations to pay them the remaining 1000 pagodaes.

Wee have ℘used a Contract you now sent us wth: the Merchts: at Madapollam and approve not that the Compa: shall be any way concern'd wth: the goods till the Merchants deliver them into their ffactori [es for] the reasons wee gave you in our former Letter.

We would have you [. . .] and countenance & assist them w^{t}: ever you can in bringing the goods out of the Country but ye risgoe to be the Merchants, if you can have the Chints ten ⅌ Cent Cheaper at Madapollam then Metchlepatam tis our masters interest you provide them there unless the charge of bringing them to Metchlepatam should exceed that. You say all other goods are cheaper where you are t'would be much securer if the Merch^{ts}: would agree to deliver all sorts of goods of that Country att the Comp$^{s.}$ ffactory at Metchlepatam w^{ch}: would prevent yor: haveing to doe w$^{th.}$ any more then one Govern^{r}:

The timbers you mention of Quallo Narso's if they are verry good and reasonable and that you could meet wth: a conveniency of sending them hither we would have you buy them for y^{e} Comp^{as}: account.

Wee here inclose the Cowle wee recd : from Vizagapatam in ⅌using yor: Diary Wee perceive w^{t}: has past between you and ye Govern^{r}: to whom or any other wee would not have you make frequent vissits unless there be an urgent necessity for y^{t} will only increase the charge; Wee wonder that the Martha's boate should be esteem'd a wreck w^{n}: two Eng^{s}: men arriv^{d}. in her if she is deliver'd you take care of her wee suppose the Martha will be the ship that will call for w^{t}: goods you shall get ready w^{ch}: wee hope will be at least 50 bales of one & another.

Wee are daily in Expectation to heare the effect of yor: Journey to Pettipollee butt hope those merch^{ts}: may be prevayld upon to deliver their goods in att Metchlepatam.

By y^{r}: Diary wee perceive that M^{r}: Noden did recommend the Interloper the Government, wee must and will consider of some way to remove him If the interloper lost any money doubtless tis in his hands w^{ch}: if you can discover you must use some means or other to embroile him wth: the Governm^{t}: otherwise.

Wee approve yor: entertaineing the Peons att Madapollam ffactory to prevent its being pulled downe and [the materialls] embezzeld, and if you can recover any [. . .] necessareys embezzled by Potana the Companys Dubash [. . .] att Metchlepatam you may apply it to the repairing of such p^{t}: of their ffactory as is necessary for yor: accomodation and the preserving of ye Comp^{as}: goods, the inclos'd to Vizagapatam we desire you to send forward.

Yo^{rs}: of the 4th instant wth: the Beng^{ll}: packett wee recd. We used our utmost endeavours to procure bills for 500[0] pa to remitt you but have not been able to gett any. If you can take up money at Metchlepatam upon Bill you [may] draw upon us for what you can gett not exceeding 5000 pag^{ds} w^{ch}: wee will punctually comply with.

In your next send us a calculate of w^{t}: bales you can [get ready] for ye ship y^{t} touches wth: you in Dec^{br}. Wee are Yo^{r}: Loveing ffriends.

THO^{S}: PITT.
JN^{O}: STYLEMAN.
W^{M}: FFRASER.
FFRAN: ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACKETT TO MESS^{RS}: LOVELL &C^{A}:

N^{o}: 1. Gen^{ll}: Lett^{r}: dat [31st] Octob^{r}: 1698.
2. Coppy of Gen^{ll}: dat 5th D^{o}:
3. The seer Lascar [Cowle] for resettlm^{t} of Metchlepatam [&] Maddapollam.
4. D^{o}. Perwanna to a Phousdars forbidding all trade wth. interloper.
5. Copy of D^{o}. Perwanna for prohibition of trade to Interlopers [within] his Governm^{t}.
6. Pacquett to Vizagap^{m}.

No. 170.

FORT ST: GEORGE OCTOBR: 31ST 1698.

TO CAPT: THOS: RAINES [COMMR]
OF THE MARTHA OR THE COMMDR. OF [. . .]
OTHER SHIPP IN THE RT: HONBLE: [COMPS]
SERVICE BOUND FROM BENGALL HITHER.

SR:

Wee expect [. . .] this will meet you att Vizagapatam whereby wee order [you] to touch att Metchlepatam and take aboard you [. . . .] goods as Mr. Thomas Lovell and Mr: Samll: W [oolston] shall lade on you they being there for the accot: [of the] Rt: Honble: Compa. and that afterwards you pro [ceed ther]to.

Yor: Loveing ffriends.

THOS: PITT.
JNO: STYLEMAN.
WM. FFRASER.
FFRAN: ELLIS.
ROGR: BRADDYLL.
THOS: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 171.

FORT ST: GEORGE NOVEMR. 3D. 1698.

TO MR: SYMON HOLCOMBE
CHEIF &CA: COUNCILL AT VIZAGTM:

SR.

Since writeing the foregoeing wee have recd yours of the 24th: past wth: yor: Diary to that time wch: we have perused and shall answer what necessary in the following.

The late Governr. & Councill sent you the whole Par. of the Comps. letter to the ffort [rela]teing to the expences of yor: ffactory wth: out any diminution or addition wch: if not so plaine as you would have [it wee] can't help that, but we think yt the sume Limited [viz.] Pags. 600 for the Expence of yor: ffactory is plain and poss [ible] and tho' their Honrs: have left a liberty to us of expend[ing] more then that sume if there shall appear an absolute necessity for it so it behoves us likewise to consider that there appd. good reason for makeing use of the [liberty] given us either for ye serveing of a present [urgent] occasion or on rationall hopes of a future benefitt.

If you think ye [reasons] given the Rt: H. Compa. in your Genll: ℘ the M[adra]ss Sufficient to induce their Honrs: to [consent to] the continuance of Vizagapatam ffactory or to [. . .] of what expended more then the limitted [sume] they mention in the Par: sent you of their [gen]erall Lettr: to us dated 16th of Aprll: 1697 we [may ac]quiess till then. We must persue their present [orders] to us but if you will abide by the determination [of the] Rt: H. Comp. for what shall exceede the [sume] they have limitted. Wee will deferr the with [drawing] your ffactory till they have signifyed their [. . .]er pleasures therein on wch: term's if you think [. . .] stay yt. yor. Expences may as little exceed it as [possible since] you advise the Countrey is in perfect peace [you may] send your souldiers hither and discharge [. . .] supernumerary Peons.

2. 3. 10. 11. [. . .] These articles are answerd in our consultation dated 4th July last (Copy whereof was sent you [. . .] comes now inclos'd), as also your 7th: [. . .] no answere to that part wch: propose [. . .] till what to write further to ye pointt.

5. Tis true the proffits of the towne is some help towards defraying yor: charges but what may be gott by y^{e}. sale of sandall, Tutenagal &c^{a}: we are not able to guess because you neither advise us w^{t}. quantity will vend nor at w^{t}: prizes w^{ch}: pray advise in yor: next.

6. The Town rent may be collected by M^{r}. Owen and such other of ye Comp^{a}: Serv^{ts}: as shall stay there.

8. M^{r}: Owen or such other person as shall reside there must use their endeavours to prevent Interlopers, and ye seer Lascar having granted his perivanna's for that purpose if the sub Govr: will not observe them wee can't think of any other effectuall method to ℘vent them.

9. Wee know noe reason why yor; coming away shou[l]d d[i]sgust the seer Lascar so as to hinder our business att Metchlepatam, for we don't esteem it a totall wth: drawing when we leave two persons to reside there and wee beleive it is indifferent to him whether we invest our money at Metchlepatam or Vizagt. being both und^{r} his Government.

13. When your lease of ye Towne is expir'd tis in ye seer Lascar's power whether he will grant you another Lease on the same term's as before or not and then the towne is in his own possession he may pull downe ye walls thereof at his pleasure if he has such a designe.

14. Wee shall supply M^{r}: Owen or those persons who stay there wth: such sums of money as shall be sufficient to keep the Merch^{ts}. and weavers constantly employed w^{ch}: will ℘vent their running into the Dutch service or be ransacked by the Duan.

15 & 16. Wee are sensible that the Gingerlee Countrey produces great quantity of grain and other Commodities of necessary expence in this place and we know likewise that there is nothing [to] encourage the bringing of those Commodities hither so much as the good Marquett they find for them & freedom of trade wth: out any unjust impositions and wee are apt to beleive had the English no settlement at Vizag^{m}. that there would not be less grain &c^{a}: brought hither, and consequently the Comp^{a} no loosers in their customes.

Wee know no occasion [you] have for treating wth: the Nabob nor to give him [. . .] perticular account of the reasons for yor: come[ing to] Madrass (w^{ch}: you [. . .] a deserting his Country, nor for bringing up the Lumbersome Houshold Goods of yor: ffactory as chairs Tables Benches &c^{a}: but deliver them by List to those persons who remaine there nor to make such a noise at yor: comeing away as to give the Seer Lascar reason[. . .] notice of it.

Wee now return you half of each p^{s}: of Betella sent us and wee would have you provide 500 (or) 1000 p^{s}. for a tryall at the lowest price you can agree for them. Lett the stripe be according to the patterne formerly sent you. It requires your care to have them well wash'd for if they are fray'd in washing twill spoile their sale.

Wee have no oppertunity of remitting you money by Bill or other safe conveyance esteeming it verry hazardous to send money overland but if you can get money there to be pay'd here you may draw Bills upon us for 10000. p^{a}. If not procureable you must try to induce your Merch^{ts}: to trust you till a conveyance offers for sending you a supply.

Send in a Calculate of w^{t}. bales you can get ready for the ship that touches wth. you in her passage from Bengall.

Since the foregoeing was written John Dolben Esqr: made us an offer in consultation on behalf of M^{r}: Holcombe that what more Expended for the maintenance of the ffactory then the sume Limited by the R^{t}: H. Comp^{a}: should be made good by M^{r}: Holcombe if not allow'd of by their Hon^{rs}: wee have accepted the same and resolved that yor: ffactory be continued on those termes till the R^{t}: H. Comp^{as}:

pleasure be farther known as you'le perceive by the Copy of our consultation w^{ch}: comes inclos'd. We are

Yo^{r}. Loveing ffriends.

THO^{S}: PITT.
JN^{O}: STYLEMAN.
W^{M}: FRASER.
FFRA^{S}: ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF THE PACQUETT.

1. Gen^{ll}: letter dated 31st: Octob^{r}: & 3^{d}. Novr. 98.
2. Copy of a Gen^{ll}: letter dat^{d}: 20 Septb^{r}: 98.
3. Copy Fort St: Georg consultation dat. 4th July 98.
4. Copy of D^{o}. Consultation [dated] 9th Novb^{r}. '98.
5. One parcell cont^{a}. [. . . .] Bettillas.

No. 172.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE NOVEMB^{R}. 7TH 1698.

TO THE R^{T}: WORP^{LL}: W^{M}: HATSELL ESQ^{R}:
DEP^{TY}: GOVERN^{R}: OF FFORT S^{T}. DAVIDS &C^{A}: COUNCILL.

S^{rs}:

Wee rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of ye 29th past wth: all papers according to your List, wee hear sent a Letter to Govr. Comans w^{ch}: we desire you to forward the purport of itt is to Congratulate his accession to his Governm^{t}: wherein wee have Excused sending ℘sons wth: itt by reason of the Wettness of ye season and ye great distance from you.

Mahomed Hussen ye Goosbardar is still here wth: his family and wee think it would not be amiss if Mollem himself would goe to the Camp, and endeavour to recover his Ellephants &c^{a}. that Selimon Cawn took from him, and if he comes hither, wee will send our Mullna wth: him and a letter to ye Nabob.

Wee are verry glad you gave the Thorndon soe seasonable a dispatch wth: soe considerable a quantity of bales, for ever since the 5th: in ye Evening wee have had verry blowing Weather here.

Wee also have had advice from ye camp y^{t} Cawker Cawn is dead, and that [*lacuna*] is sent to Chingee to succeed him but wee hear nothing of Selimon Cawn.

Wee have given leave to M^{r}: Charles Bugden, and M^{r}: Thos: Har [. . .] goe hence to ffort S^{t}. [David : . .] return in a fortnight and if M^{r}: John Haynes has brought up his Book's wee give him leave to come hither.

Wee would desire you in y^{r} next to send us a calculate of w^{t}: quantity of bales in all probability you shall be able to gett ready ags^{t}: Jan^{ry}:

Upon concluding the aforewritten we rec^{d}: yours of ye 2^{d}. instant & as soon as yor: bill for 1000 : Pago^{ds}. comes to hand shall discharge it; M^{r}: Games Setts out hence ye 10th: Ins^{t}. by whom wee will send you pago^{ds}: 5000; and w^{t}: else you shall want shall supply you wth: as oppertunity for sending itt presents.

By ye first oppertunity wee will send you some ordinary broad Cloath to clothy ye souldiers, but think it not convenient to send itt overland the Invoice of ye 2 p^s^: of Scarlets here inclosed to w^t^: we have before wrote you concerning the recovery of Mollems Ellephant we desire your speedy answer and advice therein.

Wee are
Yo^r^: affectionate ffriends

THO^S^: PITT.
JN^O^: STYLEMAN.
W^M^: FRASER.
FRAN^S^: ELLIS.
ROG^R^: BRADDYLL.
THO^S^: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

P.S. Inclos'd is a Paragraph of ye R^t^: H: C: Instructions to us dated 26th: Jan^ry^: 1697/8 relateing to ye method of keeping yor: consultation & Letter Books &c^a^: w^ch^: you must observe.

LIST OF Y^E^ PACQUETT.

No. 1 Generall Lett^r^: dated 7th: Novemb^r^: 1698.
2. Copy of a parr: of ye Comp^as^: Instructions to ye Presid^t^: & [Councill] of ffort S^t^: George dated 26th: [Jan^ry^ 1698].
3. Invoice two p^s^: [scarlets . . .].
4. a Pacquett to the [. . .].

No. 173.

FFORT S^T^: GEORGE, NOVB^R^. 7TH: 1698.

TO THE HON^BLE^: DIRK COMANS, GOVERN^R^:
OF NEGAPAT^M^: &C^A^: COAST OF CORMANDELL
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T^: HON^BLE^: NETHERLANDS
E^T^: INDIA COMP^A^: &C^A^: COUNCILL.

Most Honble: S^rs^:

Wee being lately inform'd that the Honble: Lawrence Pitt has surrendred his Governm^t^: to the Honble: Dirk whose possession to it we heartily congratulate wishing his Hon^r^: a long Enjoym^t^: thereof and dureing w^ch^: all things under his direction may flourish according to his own desire.

We intended that this our congratulation should have been attended & presented to your Hon^r^: &c^a^: by two of our Councill at Tevenapatam but y^t^ ye season of ye year, as also ye great distance from you but more particularly the danger those Gentlemen would be exposed to should they meet w^th^: any of Selmon Cawn's forces who has vow'd revenge for w^t^: formerly happen'd, are the reall reasons y^t^ prevents itt wee hope y^t^ your Hon^r^: &c^a^ will beleive it soe.

Wee that embrace all oppertunityes to make amends for this our Omission, and preserve yor: friendship: We wish yor: Hon^r^: &c^a^: all health & happiness and are

Honble: S^r^: &c^a^:
Your most ffaithfull ffriends & humble Serv^st^:

THO^S^: PITT.
JN^O^: STYLEMAN.
W^M^: FRASER.
FRAN^S^: ELLIS.
ROG^R^: BRADDYLL.
THO^S^: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 174.

FFORT ST: GEORGE, NOVEMBR: 10TH 1698.

TO THE RT: WORPLL: WILLM: HATSELL DEPTY:
GOVERNR: &CA: COUNCILL AT FFORT ST: DAVID.

Sr:

This comes by Mr: Trevor Games in Compa: of whom comes ten Peons by whom wee have sent you five thousand Pagods:

Wee have paid yor: Bill for one thousand pagods: to Eclury Peede Chitte. Wee are

Yor: affectionate ffriends
THO: PITT.
JNO: STYLEMAN.
WM: FFRASER.
FFRANS: ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYL.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 175.

FFORT ST: GEORGE, NOVEMBR: 15TH: 1698.

TO MESSRS: LOVELL & WOOLSTON FACTORS
FOR THE RT: HONBLE: COMPAS: AFFAIRS ATT METCHLEPATAM.

Srs:

Wee recd. yours of ye 26th: past by Narran. Wee approve of ye writeing ye Merchts: wch: will not only facilitate ye compleateing the present Investmt: but secure the Rt: Honble: Compas: interest for the future & prevent the interlopers from investing any thing considerable in yt: port.

Wee would have you countenance Narso more particularly as being the first re-viv[o]rs of the Compas: interst: in those pts: wch: has given incouragemt: to others the chints of 22 pagods: ℘ Corge wee return you one pt: of wch: sort wee would have you procure a thousand ps: as cheap as possible, sevll: sorts of grounds & flowrs but in e'ry [. . .] at least of a sort.
[. . .] Brampore Chints seeme to be dear at [9] Pagods: ℘Corge wch: price wee hope yours bring to wch: wee would have you buy a thousand pa: and if the cheapness & goodness of the [. . .] encourage you, you may double that number of the 2 pa: you sent us we here return you one pt:

The muster of Neckcloths you sent are four inches too narrow & one covid too short yett nevertheless wt: are ready we would have you buy them they must not be in ps: but single neckcloths & twisted at ye ends as ye muster is & wt: you be-speake for ye: future lett some be white strips, we would have you chiefly, buy those sorts of goods as are not to be had here, chay goods all sorts, chints Metchlepatam and Brampore Neckcloths &ca: as the Rt: Honble: Compas: List more particularly directs you.

By ye accot: you give of Petrepore wee thinke it more for ye Comps: Interest yt you make ye Investmt: in Metchlepatm: and lett ye contracts for ye future in Relation to ye Merchts: bringing in their goods from the places where they are made be according to th 6th: parr: in the contract wth: ye: merchts: at Madapollm: Janry: 79.

We have by those Peons wch: are 20 sent you Pagds: 6000: wch: wee would have you buy up wth: ready money goods you meet wth: provided that they are according to the Compas: List wch: wee hope have more regard to then ye increasing your own Comission a small ptt: of ys: money will carry on ye contract wth: Narso till you can have another supply from us wch: you may depend upon on ye first advises.

Wee hope you [. . . .] as well as integrity will answer our Expectation & the Martha will be the ship yt will call for wt: goods you have ready wch: you must not detaine longer than 48: hours pray lett your goods be well sorted and well packed, and returne us those Peons immediately.

Just as we were dispatching the above wee thought it more secure for the treasure to send an English man wth: itt and accordingly have sent Serjt: Jolly who wee would have you send up in the first boate bound hither we have pd: his Coolyes & given him three pagds: for his. Wee are

Your Loveing ffriends

THOS: PITT.
JNO: STYLEMAN.
WM: FFRASER.
FFRAN: ELLIS.
ROGR: BRADDYL.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 176.

FFORT ST: GEORGE, NOVEMBR: 15, 1698.

TO THE RT: WORPll: WILLIAM HATSELL ESQR: DPUTY GOVERNR: &CA: COUNCILL OF FFORT ST: DAVID.

Srs:

Our joynt stock Merchts: Sinapa &ca: acquaint us that their agents have brought sevll: sorts of goods to ffort St: Davids: for accot: of their own former contract wth: ye Presidt: & Councill here we desire you to inquire into it & remitt us the particulars & that you order them to be wash'd sorted & packed for the Rt: H: C accot: and pray inquire of their agents wt: more they expect from Worriarpollam.

Wee are

Srs:

After we considered ye above we recd. yours of ye [. . .] inclos'd is ye Essay Masters report you desire wee [. . .] send you the 3 Musters of the succatoms Messrs: Chardins & W[r]ights bills shall be payd when demand[ed] that relateing to the king of Golcondah there is no credit to be given to itt. Wee are

Your affectionate ffriends

THO: PITT.
JNO: STYLEMAN.
WM: FRASER.
FFRAN: ELLIS.
ROGR: BRADDYLL.
THOS: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 177.

FFORT ST: GEORGE, NOVBR 23 1698.

TO THE RT: WORPll: WM: HATSELL ESQR: DPUTY GOVERNR: &CA: COUNCILL OF FFORT ST: DAVID.

Sr:

Wee recd: yors: of ye 15th: inst: and are prepareing our Mullna [*sic*] to go to the Camp where Wee would have a servt: of Capt: Mollem's meet him whither (the Goosbadarr is gone some days since) to take care of ye Ellephants in case they are

delivered, and to see that they are the right. Wee have also instructed our mullna to promise the delivery of the four horses in yr: Custody provided they deliver ye Ellephants.

Wee are glad to hear that wee are like to have soe considerable a quantity of bales from you and pray Encourage yr: Merchts: to make wt: additions they can possibly, and we will send you hence such supplies of money as you shall desire, butt for ye future wee desire wn: wee send you money that you'l acknowledge the rect: of ye exact sume, & [not paid] to qt: wch: hereafter may occasion disputes.

Our Dyers [were given] five pagods: a cor [ge] for dyeing Long Cloth blew; wch: wee esteem dear, and if you can have it dyed cheaper there wee would have you get wt: quantity you can done to goe home by ye next ships.

Wee desire you to examine the Conimere Books, and send us a Copy of ye Journall ℘cell mentioning the particulars & reasons for indebting Mr: Yale Sixty pagds.

Jango who was sent hence by our Governr: and recommended to you to assist him in ye discovery of sevrll: things wch: had bin done by yr: Conicoply &ca: to the prejudice of our Masters; wee desire forthwth: to return to us having some extraordinary occasion for him here, and yt. he may give us an accot: wt: progress he has made therein wee are

Yr: affectionate ffriends

Thos: Pitt.
Jno: Styleman.
Wm: Fraser.
ffrans: Ellis.
Roger Braddyl.
Tho: Wright.
Matt: Empson.

No. 178.

ffort St: George, Decbr: 1st: 1698.

To the Rt: Worpll: Will: Hatsell Esqr:
Dputy Governr: &ca: Councill at
Fort St: David.

Srs:

In our last of ye: 23d: past to you wherein wee wrote, that wee intended to send our Mulla to [ye: Nabob] to endeavour the recovering of Mollems Ellephants, but since considering that if our Mulla should goeing [to ye Nabab] he cannot returne wth out leave.

[. . .]nly occasion new charges to the Compa, soe have [. . .] sent a lettr: to ye: Nabob by peons who are to apply themselves to ye: Gourbadar to deliver it thô: our Mulla departed hence for ye: Camp the 26th: past but upon his owne business wch: is to dispose of an Ellephant he has there, he has our instructions to discourse Selimon Cawn, wth: whom he is well acquainted about ye: delivery of ye: Elephants, to whom we think itt fitting that Mollem should send a servt: to him more the translate of ye: lettr: to ye Nabob we here inclose.

All ye: news at prsent here is that ye: Morattas are comeing into these pts: soe that it requires a more than ordinary dilligence from us, all to gett them goods out of the Country and to take care that we are not in any respect surprized haveing lately pd: soe very dear for yt: business of Cuddalore.

There was pd: to our Secery: half a years sallary due to Capt: Warlinghoof ending March ye: 25th: 98. but 'twas forgott to be advised; If you have pd: him that half years sallary when you paid yt: due in Septbr: advise us, and he shall repay wt: it is into ye: Compas: Cash here.

Wee are, Your affectionate ffriends

THOs: PITT.
JNo: Styleman.
Wm: FRASER.
FRANs: ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYL.
THOs: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 179.

FFORT ST: GEORGE, DECB 2D: 1698.

To MR SYMo: HOLCOMBE CHEIFE &cA:
COUNCILL ATT VIZAGAPATAM.

Srs:

Wee here inclose a [copy] of wt: we wrot you ye: 31st: OctobR: Last [. . .] you the [. . .] of Mr: Dubois's Accot: wch: you'le see is adjusted as farr as lyes in our power the remainder is left to ye: Examination & report thereof wch: wee desire should be just & impartiall & without any mallice or prejudice against him, for that wee cannot but observe your hardships yt: have bin putt upon Mr: Dubois, in particular severall bad debts charg'd to his accot: Whereas the Merchts: were in Creditt & traded wth: ye: factory and Mr: Holcombe, for severall years after Mr: Dubois was called away in all wch: time noe care taken to secure the debts made by Mr: Dubois wch: savours more of mallice than justice.

By that time these reaches you, wee hope the Martha will be wth: you, and must againe press you to procure for her wt: quantity of bales you possibly can by any means & upon ye: first advices shall supply you wth: wt: money you want wee are

Your affectionate ffriends

THO. PITT.
JNo: STYLEMAN.
Wm: FRASER.
FRANs: ELLIS.
ROGR: BRADDYLL.
THOs: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 180.

FFORT ST: GEORGE YE: 6TH: DECEMBE: 1698

To MR: THOs: LOVELL &cA: ATT
METCHLEPATAM.

The six thousand Pagods: sent you hence the 15th: past wee hope before this are safely arrived most pt: or all wch: wee [hope] you'le get invested to putt aboard the Martha.

[Wee] inclose a letter wth: a flying seal to Capt: Raynes to follow yor: orders in takeing Mr: Noden aboard & his ffamily in order to bring them hither wch: you must endeavour to effect thô at some charge for by his letter to our Governr: wee have reason to think yt: he will be troublesome and are certaine that if any interlopers appear there he will to his utmost assist them.

Wee here send a Gold Chaine for a tasheriff for Quallo Narso and as he complys w^th : the investment shall send him suitable mark's of our favours pray gett all you can in readiness to Ship off as soon as the ship comes into ye road, for you must not detaine her wee are.

Your Loveing ffriends
THO^S : PITT.
JN^O : STYLEMAN.
W^M : FRASER.
FRAN^S : ELLIS.
ROG^R : BRADDYL.
THO^S : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 181.

FFORT S^T : GEORGE, DECEMB^R : 7TH : 1698.

TO CAP^T : THOMAS RAYNES COMAND^R : OF SHIP MARTHA.

S^r :

Wee hope within few dayes after this getts to Metchlepatam, that you will be safely arrived in that road where you are to receive aboard w^t : goods Messrs : Lovell & Woolston, shall ship on you, for ye R^t : Honble : Comp^s : acco^t : and alsoe to follow the particular order of M^r : Thomas Lovell relateing to M^r : Phillip Noden who have lived many years at [Metchlepa]tam under the R^t : Honble : Comp^s : protection, and of late done great mischeife to their affairs in assisting Interlopers, soe that to prevent his doeing more, wee have order'd M^r : Lovell to put M^r : Noden & his ffamily aboard your ship whom wee order you to receive and bring up hither. Wee are

S^r :

Your Loveing ffriends
THO^S : PITT.
JN^O : STYLEMAN.
W^M : FRASER.
FRAN^S : ELLIS.
ROG^R : BRADDYLL.
THO^S : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

No. 182.

FFORT S^T : GEORGE DECEMB^R : Y^E : 8TH : 1698

TO THE HON^BLE : SAM^LL : ANNESLEY PRESID^T : &C^A : COUNCILL AT SURAT.

S^rs :

The foregoeing is Copy of w^t : formerly wrote you, since w^ch : have not heard from you, nor have wee had a line from Gen^ll : Gayer, since our Presid^ts : arrival here.

Here has been various reports of your circumstances at Surat, but since we hear nothing from you, wee conclude all is well.

Wee dispatch'd yᵉ Thorndon ffrom hence the 20ᵗʰ: of Octobʳ: to ffort Sᵗ: David from whence she departed yᵉ 28ᵗʰ: wᵗʰ: bales 250 includeing wᵗ: she tooke in here, to the wᵗᵗ: Coast where wee doubt not but that she will meet wᵗʰ: full Loading of Pepper having sent a plentifull stock of Money upon her.

Yesterday wee recᵈ: a lettʳ: from Bengall datᵈ: the 15ᵗʰ: past wᶜʰ: advise us, that they will dispatch the Tavistock in Janʳʸ: [. . . .] for England, on wᶜʰ: Agent Eyres takes his Passage, and the Anna they hope to dispatch some time in ffebʳʸ: The Martha will be sent up hither wᵗʰ: provissions who wee hope to dispatch from hence in Janʳʸ; wᵗʰ: a full & rich Ladeing for England.

This comes by Mʳ: Morrice Commʳ: & supra Cargoe of yᵉ none such friggot belonging to the Merchᵗˢ: of this place to whom we request your ffavour & assistance wee are.

Your affectionate ffriends
& humble servᵗˢ:

THOˢ: PITT.
JNᴼ: STYLEMAN.
Wᴹ: FRASER.
FRANˢ: ELLIS.
ROGᴿ: BRADDYLL.
THOˢ: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 183.

FFORT Sᵀ: GEORGE DECEMBᴿ: 8ᵀᴴ: 1698.

TO HIS EXCELLᶜʸ: Sᴿ: JOHN GAYER KNᵀ:
GENERALL &Cᴬ: COUNCILL AT BOMBAY.

Sʳˢ:

Thô wee have not had the Honʳ: of a line from you since yᵉ arrivall of our present Pre[sident] here, yett wee think it our obligation to give you a concise Accoᵗ: of the Present circumstances of the Rᵗ: Honᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃˢ: Affairs in these parts.

Wee advised you in our former Letter of our dispatching of the Fame for England the [*lacuna*] of October wᵗʰ: a Cargoe amounting to upwards 60000 Pagoᵈˢ: The 20ᵗʰ: wee dispa[t]ch'd the Thorndon to ffort Sᵗ: David whence she sail'd the 28ᵗʰ for the West coast, with 250 bales of Callicoes (including what she took in here) and doubt not, but she will meet wᵗʰ: a seasonable dispatch, and a full Loading of Pepper from thence, having sent on her near thirty thousand Dollars.

The Tavistock & Anna, will be dispatched directly from Bengall, on the former Agent Eyres takes his passage home. The Martha will be return'd us up hither wᵗʰ: Provissions to whom we hope to give a seasonable dispatch wᵗʰ: a good Cargo for England.

They write us from Bengall, that the Prince gives great disturbance to trade, and do such unreasonable things as if he never intended to returne to Court.

The Nabob Zulphaker Cawn lies still with his Army at Vellore about two days Journey from us from whence for sometime wee have had a rumour of the Moratta's comeing into these parts, wᶜʰ: we take to be an invention of the Nabobs whereby to frame excuses, for his not goeing to the king having been often sent for by him.

12ᵗʰ. Ditto.

Just upon sealing yᵉ abovemention'd wee recᵈ: advice from yᵉ: Camp that the Morattas are certainely approaching and that the Nabob has raised the seige of Vellore and sent all his Baggage to bee protected at a ffort called Arcaut.

[Wee] herewith send you our Journall Parcells, and acco^{t}: Curr^{t}: w^{ch}: wee desire you to Examine, and returne us your answere thereunto by the first oppertunity. wee are.

Your affectionate ffriends
& humble serv^{ts}:

THO^{S}: PITT.
JN^{O}: STYLEMAN.
W^{m}: FRASER.
FRAN^{S}: ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THO: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 184.

FFORT S^{T}: GEORGE 12TH: DECEMB^{R}: 1698.

TO THE R^{T}: WORSP^{LL}: WILL^{M}: HATSELL
ESQ^{R}: DEPUTY GOVERN^{R}: &C^{A}: COUNCILL AT FFORT S^{T}: DAVID.

S^{rs}:

Wee received yours of ye 1st: Ins^{t}: and desire you to wash, sort & imbale what Cloth you shall receive for our Merch^{t} : Acco^{ts}: here and advise us thereof.

Wee have acquainted Ande one of the washers here that you desire he should be sent to you, but his inclination is to remaine here.

From our spy Bramine at the Camp wee here that a Mauldar, and two serv^{ts}: of Mollem's, that know's his Ellephants are arrived there, but noe news of our Mulla.

Wee desire to get what Cloth you can possibly Dyed Blew, that since you being able to Dye it cheaper shall Dye none here.

Wee long before this Expected the returne of Messrs: Bugden & Harris having much outstay'd their time limited as alsoe J[an]go w^{ch}: if not on his way hither immediately dispatch to us upon receipt of this.

Wee take notice of what you write of the Worriars Endeavouring to impose a Petty Nague upon you the refuseing of w^{ch}: wee approve of and advise y^{t} you per[sist] in it.

Your bill for 1000 pago^{ds}: to Kitte Narran wee have paid, and shall ye other 500 Pago^{ds}: to M^{r}: Higginson when presented to us.

Soon after Christmas wee will send a Minister to vizit you.

As for Bengall Ropes wee have none in our stores.

By a lett^{r}: last night from the Camp wee are advised that the Nabob has raised the seige against Vellore, on certaine advices that the Moratt's are approaching having sent his Bagage, and Buzar to Arcaut therefore it is very requisite that you hasten your merch^{ts}: to get there effects in out of the weavers hands, and y^{t} you are very vigilent to prevent any surprize upon your Town's; what you want hence for your security advise us thereof, and wee will supply you if possible wee are.

Your Loveing ffriends,

THO^{S}: PITT.
JN^{O}: STYLEMAN.
W^{m}: FRASER.
FRAN^{S}: ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
THO^{S}: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 185.

FORT ST: GEORGE YE 21ST: DECEMBR: 1698.

TO THE RT: WORSPLL: WM: HATSELL ESQR:
DEPTY: GOVERNR: OF FFORT ST: DAVID &CA: COUNCILL.

Srs:

Wee recd. vors: of ye 12th & 17th instant and in the former you mentioning yt Conery Pilla hath done the Compa: great service in discovering the Cheats of some of your Conicoplies wch: when finished shall think of some reward for him, and wee hope you'll doe your utmost endeavours to recover of such persons wt:ever shall plainly appear they have wrong'd Our masters off, and very suddenly wee will return to you Conery Pilla to compleat wt: he has begun.

Capt: Worlinghoofts salary is 100 £ ℘ ann. half pd: in the Country for ye ½ years salary in the Secretaries hands he has pd: it into the Comps: Cash soe desire you to make it good to him there. Your Bill for Pagods: 600 to Mr: Wright, wee have pd: and shall that of three hundd to Mr: Higginson wn: presented to us; wee also recd: ye 800 Allũger pagds: wth: ye Copies of yr: Books Lettr: H.

Yours of the 17th: is very wellcome to us giveing us great hopes of such a number of bales as will compleat the Martha's tonnage and answere our Expectation and Doubt not before her arrival wth: you, you will make them up 500 bales.

If your blew Cloth be well dyed, we would have you make up wth: wt: you have already done 90 or 100: bales and if your Long Cloth proves good you may lay by till [. . .] of all two or three thousand ps: to be pack'd browne provided you have not time to get them Washed.

Wee desire you frequently to call upon the Agents of our Merchts: here for wt: Cloth they have, and get it wash'd sorted and embail'd for yt they are very much in arrears for their old Contract.

Wee have ship'd on ye Welfare Capt: Goodman who will sayle hence in few dayes: four Guns about 23 hundd each for Cuddalore being wt. you formerly desired hopeing that you will dispose of soe many of ye small ones as will countervale the Charge of these. If you cannot dispose of them send them hither by the first oppertunity they being worth here 6 to 7 Pagods: ℘hundd on ye aforesd: ship wee send you Pagods: seven thousand Ten bales of red broad Cloth Bengall match & some Gilded paper

Wee lately recd: two Lettrs: from our Mullna at the Camp the Translations of wch: wee here inclose wch: wee desire you to impart to Mollem, who wee hope will receive his Ellephants wth:out much difficulty.

Wee were advised of Selimon Cawn's comeing to Chellumbrum, and of the Moratta's comeing suddainly into these parts wch: induc'd us to return you yr: cheife Dubash Vincatte who wee would have settle his business for yt wee intend shortly to send a fitt ℘son to supply his place, and that he shall return hither wth: his ffam-[ily] Wee are.

Yr: affectionate ffriends

THO: PITT.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WM: FRASER.
FRANS: ELLIS.
ROGR: BRADDYL.
THOS: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

No. 186.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE DECEMB^{R} : Y^{E} 27TH : 1698.

TO THE R^{T} : WORSP^{ll} : W^{M} : HATSELL ESQ^{R} : DEPUTY
GOVERN^{R} : OF FFORT S^{T} : DAVIDS &C^{A} : COUNCIL.

S^{RS} :

This serv's only to inclose Invoice and bill of Lading for treasure Broad Cloth &c^{a} : Laden on Ship Wellfare Andrew Goodman Master amounting to Pago^{ds}: 8612: 21 : 5 : for w^{ch} : you are to pay him freight according to the following Agreem^{t} : ℘ Welfare.

For y^{e} box Treasure...	...Pa : 7
Broad Cloth ...	$\frac{3}{4}$ ℘bale.
Bengall match	$1\frac{1}{2}$ ℘Candy.

Four Guns & Carriages & one Tub Medicines freight free.

Wee have sent you two quire of guilt paper, wee are.

Your affec^{t} : ffreinds.

THO^{S} : PITT.
JN^{O} STYLEMAN.
W^{M} : FRASER.
FRAN^{S} : ELLIS.
ROG^{R} : BRADDYLE.
THO^{S} : WRIGHT.
MATT : EMPSON.

LIST OF Y^{E} PACKETT.

1. Gen^{ll} : Letter dated 27th : Decemb^{r} : 98.
2. Invoice of what Laden on ship Wellfare.
3. Bill of Ladeing for D^{o} :
4. CAP^{T} : GOODMANS REC^{T} · FOR 4 : GUNS & CARRIAGES.

No. 187.

FFORT S^{T} : GEORGE DECEMB^{R} : 28TH : 1698.

TO MESS^{RS} : LOVELL & WOOLSTON MERCH^{TS} ATT
METCHLEPATAM.

S^{RS} :

Wee rec^{d} : yours of the 3^{d} : instant w^{ch} : advise us of ye rec^{t} : of y^{e} : six : thousand Pago^{ds} : & the hopes you have of putting 40 or 50 bales for the R^{t}: Honble : Comp^{a} : aboard the Martha w^{ch} : wee wish may be all or most p^{t} : in paintings & chay goods if any goods should come in after the dispatch of the Martha to us wee would have you send them hither, by ye first good ship or boat that comes to this port.

Wee here send you two prospective glasses you never yett advised us w^{t} : Europe Goods as Cloth Lead &c^{a} : would Vend in those p^{ts} : into w^{ch} : wee desire you to Enquire & give us your Answere the season approaching for sending goods to you, when shall also send you some money, that you may keep doeing and hope you get a pretty vestment of goods for ye Septb^{r} : Shipp. If an oppertunity Presents wee give you leave to draw on us for two thousand Pago^{ds} :

Wee have bin advised from some private lett^{r} : that the Merch^{ts} : are desirous to come up hither to agree [to] ye next years investment. If soe M^{r} : Lovell must come wth : them, and bring all sorts of musters and instruct himself very well in ye prises, but wee can't immagine that their comeing hither will be in any measure an

advantage to the Comp^{as}: business soe shall leave it to themselves wth: out any manner of direction from us wee are.

Your Loveing ffriends

THO^{s}: PITT.
JN^{o}: STYLEMAN.
W^{M}: FRASER.
FRAN^{S}: ELLIS.
ROG^{R}: BRADDYLL.
THO^{s}: WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

LIST OF LETTERS.

No.

1. To Capt William Gifford Command^{r}: of Ship Sidney 3 Jan^{ry}: $9\frac{7}{8}$
2. To Vizagapatam dated 6th: 7th: January $169\frac{7}{8}$.
3. To Anjingo dated 8th: January $169\frac{7}{8}$
4. To his Excell^{y} &c^{a}: att Bombay.
5. To Bengall dated 10th: January $169\frac{7}{8}$.
6. To Edward Tench &c^{a}: Pilotts in the R^{t}: H: C: service in Beng^{l}. dated 10th January $169\frac{7}{8}$.
7. To Capt: William Erle Commander of ship Sampson 16th: Jan^{ry}: $9\frac{7}{8}$.
8. To Fort S^{t}: David dated 11th January $169\frac{7}{8}$.
9. To Negapatam dated [*sic*].
10. To Bengall dated the 17th: January $169\frac{7}{8}$.
11. To Capt: Sam^{ll}: Jones. Dispatch to Beng^{ll} 24th Jan^{ry}: $9\frac{7}{8}$.
12. To Edwd: Tench &c^{a}: Pilotts in Bengall dat^{d}: 24th: Jan^{ry}: $9\frac{7}{8}$
13. To Fort S^{t}: David dated 20th: January $169\frac{7}{8}$.
14. To Ditto dated 29th: January $169\frac{7}{8}$.
15. To Vizagapatam dated p^{mo}: February $169\frac{7}{8}$.
16. To Fort S^{t}: David dated 3^{d}: February $169\frac{7}{8}$.
17. To [Ditto] dated the 4th: February $169\frac{7}{8}$.
18. To M^{r}: Rich^{d}: Watts &c^{a}: Factors on board y^{e} Mary Buoy^{r}: 4th: Feb^{ry}: $169\frac{7}{8}$
19. To Fort S^{t}: David dated 7th: February $169\frac{7}{8}$.
20. To Ditto dated February 8th: $169\frac{7}{8}$.
21. To Ditto dated 17th: Ditto $169\frac{7}{8}$.
22. To Ditto dated 19th: Ditto $169\frac{7}{8}$.
23. To Vizagapatam Feb^{ry}: 19th: $169\frac{7}{8}$.
24. To Fort S^{t}: David 21: February
25. To Ditto dated 21st: Ditto. [$169\frac{7}{8}$.
26. To Ditto dated 21 Ditto.
27. To Ditto dated 22 Ditto.
28. To Ditto dated 24th: Ditto.
29. To Vizagapatam, 25th: February $169\frac{7}{8}$.
30. To Fort S^{t}: David, 26th: February $169\frac{7}{8}$.
31. To Bengall dated 26th: February $169\frac{7}{8}$.
32. To Fort S^{t}: David dated 1st: March $169\frac{7}{8}$.
33. To Negapatam dated p^{mo}: March $169\frac{7}{8}$.
34. To Fort S^{t}: David dated 2^{d}: March $169\frac{7}{8}$.
35. To Capt: George Wooley Comand^{r}: of the Mary Buoy^{r}: 2^{d}: March $9\frac{7}{8}$.
36. To Fort S^{t}: David dated 3^{d}: March $169\frac{7}{8}$.
37. To Vizagapatam dated 4th: March $169\frac{7}{8}$.
38. To Fort S^{t}: David dated 8th: March $169\frac{7}{8}$.
39. To Excell^{y}: S^{r}: Jno: Gayer Kn^{t}: &c^{a}: at Bombay 11th: March $9\frac{7}{8}$.
40. To Fort S^{t}: David 18th: March $169\frac{7}{8}$.
41. To Ditto dated 19th: Ditto.
42. To Bengall dated 21st: March $169\frac{7}{8}$.
43. To Vizagapatam dated 25th: March $169\frac{7}{8}$.
44. To Fort S^{t}: David dated 28th: Ditto 1698.
45. To Vizagapatam dated 29th: March 1698.
46. To Fort S^{t}: David dated p^{mo}: April 1698.
47. To Ditto dated April 5th: 1698.
48. To Ditto dated 7th: Ditto 1698.
49. To Vizagapatam dated 9th: April 1698.
50. To Fort S^{t}: David dat'd 9th: April 1698.
51. To Ditto dated 9th: April 1698.
52. To Vizagapatam dated 12th: April 1698.
53. To Ditto dated 14th: April 1698.

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54. To Amirjeahn at the Camp 19th: April 1698.
55. To Nabob Zulphaker Cawn 19th: April '98.
56. To Ditto dated 19th: April 1698.
57. Draught of a Perwanna for Tevenapat^{m}: Townes.
58. To the Honble: Laurence Pitt dated 22^{d}: April '98.
59. To Fort S^{t}: David dated 23^{d}: April ['98.
60. To Ditto dated [*sic*].
61. To Amerjeahn att the Nabobs Camp 23^{d}: April '98.
62. To Vizagapatam 2^{d}: May 1698.
63. To Fort S^{t}: David dated 3^{d}: May 1698.
64. To Seilim Cawn dated 27th April 1698.
65. To Dowed Cawne dated 3^{d} May 1698.
66. To Amerjeahn att Zulphaker Cawns Camp 3^{d}: May '98.
67. To Fort S^{t}: David dated 4th: May 1698.
68. To Fort S^{t}: David dated 8th: May 1698.
69. To Amerjeahn att Zulphak^{r}: Cawns Camp.
70. To Amerjeahn att the Nabob's Camp.
71. To Honble: Laurence Pitt &^{ca}: at Negapat^{m}: dat^{d}: 10th: May '98.
72. To Fort S^{t}: David 11th: May 1698.
73. To Nabob Zulphaker Cawn dat^{d}: 13th: May 1698.
74. To Emam Cooley 13 May 1698.
75. To Amerjeahn at the Camp.
76. To Ditto dated 13th: May 1698.
77. To Bengall dated 13th: May 1698.
78. To Amerjeahn the 14th: Ditto 1698.
79. To York Fort 17th Ditto 1698.
80. To Amerjeahn 17th Ditto 1698.
81. To Pollicatt dated [*sic*].
82. To Fort S^{t}: David 14th May 1698.
83. To Ditto dated 21st May 1698.
84. To Amerjeahn.
85. To Bengall dated 27th May '98.
86. To Amerjeahn 30th May 1698.
87. To Emam Cooley 30 D^{o}:
88. To Fort S^{t}: David 7th: June 1698.
89. To Amerjeahn 7th: Ditto.
90. To Bengall 8th: Ditto
91. To Vizagapatam 16 June 1698.
92. To Philip Noden 16th: Ditto.
93. To Fort S^{t}: David 16th: Ditto.
94. To Pollicatt 18th: Ditto.
95. To Amerjeahn 17th: Ditto.

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96. To the Nabob 17th: June 1698.
97. To Negapatam 18th: June 1698.
98. To Fort S^{t}: David 18 Ditto.
99. To Pollicatt 23^{d}: June 1698.
100. To Hodjee Mahomud Allee dated 23^{d} June 1698.
101. To Amerjeahn dat^{d}: 24th: June 1698.
102. To Fort S^{t}: David 25th: Ditto.
103. To Bengall dated July 4th: 1698.
104. To Vizagapatam July 4th: 1698.
105. To Dowed Cawn July 5, 1698.
106. To Fort S^{t}: David 2 July 1698.
107. To Ditto dated 8th: July 1698.
108. To Vizagapatam 8th: Ditto 1698
109. To Bengall the 8th: July 1698.
110. To Sadrassapatam 9th: Ditto 1698.
111. To Bengall the 9th: July 1698.
112. To M^{r}. Noden 13th: July 1698.
113. To Negapatam 15th: July 1698.
114. To Amerjeahn 15th: July 1698.
115. To Govern^{r}: Hatsell &c^{a}: July 19th: 1698.
116. To Jumsheed Cawn 21st: July 1698.
117. To Vissawna Punthooloo, 21st July 1698.
118. To the Nabob July 21st: 1698.
119. To Amerjeahn July 21st: 1698.
120. To Amerjeahn 22^{d}: Ditto.
121. To Ditto. 22^{d}: Ditto.
122. To Bauhaudar Cawn 24th: July 1698.
123. To Bombay July 5th: 26th: 1698.
124. To Amerjeahn 27th: Ditto.
125. To Fort S^{t}: David 28th: Ditto.
126. Capt: Bettons despatch for Fort S^{t}: David 28th: Ditto.
127. To Anjengo the p^{mo}: August 1698.
128. To Amerjeahn dated 6th: Aug^{t}: 1698.
129. To Vizagapatam 9th: Ditto.
130. To Bengall dated 10th. Ditto.
131. Capt · Raines's Dispatch for Bengall 9th Aug^{t}: 1698.
132. To Anjengo dated August 13th: 1698.
133. To Fort S^{t}: David August 15th: 1698.
134. To Jumsheed Cawn 18th Ditto.
135. To M^{r}: Noden at Metchlepat^{m}: 20th: Ditto.
136. To the Seerlascar of the Corlinga Countrey.
137. To York Fort dated 20th: Augt. 1698.

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138. To Vizagapatam dated 23^{d}: Aug. 1698.
139. To Amerjeahn August 25th : 1698.
140. To Fort S^{t} : David 25th : Ditto.
141. To Bahaudar Cawn 25th : Ditto.
142. To Amein Vissauna 25 : Ditto.
143. To Amerjeahn August 26th : 1698.
144. To Bauhaudar Cawn 27th : Ditto.
145. To Amerjeahn 28th Ditto.
146. To Ditto. 29th Ditto.
147. To Fort S^{t} : David September 2^{d} : 1698.
148. To the Shabandar of Acheen 4th Do:
149. To Nabob Zulphaker Cawn Sep^{r} : 9th : '98.
150. To Buggentrow 9th : Ditto.
151. To Fort S^{t} : David Sep^{r} : 9th : 1698.
152. To Ditto.
153. To Ditto. September 17th : 1698.
154. To Vizagapatam September 20th : 1698.
155. To Fort S^{t} : David September 20th : 1698.
156. To Bengall dated 22$_{d}$ Ditto.
157. To Fort S^{t} : David 29 Ditto.
158. To the Nabob 29th : Ditto.
159. To Messrs : Lovell &c^{a} : Octr 5th : 1698.
160. To Suratt October 5th : 1698.
161. To Laulau Sauhauja sing 6th Oct. 1698.
162. To Ditto. October 8th : 1698.
163. To Moozaphir Cawn 10th : Ditto.
164. To York Fort 13th : October 1698.
165. To [P]ryamong Factory 13th Ditto:
166. To Sultan Guilimot &c^{a} : Oct^{r}: 12th : 1698.
167. To Fort S^{t} : David October 17th : 1698.

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168. To Fort Ditto. October 19th : 1698.
169. To Messrs : Lovell & Woolston Octo^{r} : 31st : 1698.
170. To Capt : Raines Comand^{r} : of ship Martha Oct^{r} : 31^{ts} : '98.
171. To Vizagapatam dated November 3^{d}: 1698.
172. To ffort S^{t} : David dated Novemb^{r} : 7th : 1698.
173. To Negapatam dated Novemb^{r} : 7th : 1698.
174. To ffort S^{t} : David dated Novemb^{r} : 10th : 1698.
175. To Metchlepat^{m} : dated Novemb^{r} : 15th : 1698.
176. To ffort S^{t} : David dated Novemb^{r} : 15th : 1698.
177. To ffort S^{t} : David dated Novemb^{r} : 23$_{d}$: 1698.
178. To ffort S^{t} : David dated Decemb^{r} : 1st : 1698.
179. To Vizagapatam dated Decemb^{r} : 2 : 1698.
180. To Metchlepat^{m} dated Decemb^{r} : 6th : 1698.
181. To Capt : Thos : Raynes dated Decb. 7th : 1698.
182. To Surat dated Decemb^{r} : 8th : 1698.
183. To Bombay dated Decemb^{r} : 8th : 1698.
184. To ffort S^{t} : David dated Decb^{r} : 12th : 1698.
185. To ffort S^{t} : David dated Decemb^{r} : 21st : 1698.
186. To ffort S^{t} : David dated Decb^{r} : 27th : 1698.
187. To Metchlepatam dated Decemb^{r} : 28th : 1698.